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On Our Cover:



"Christmas in Paradise" By Michael Lunsford www.MichaelLunsford.net

Opening Remarks

The Season of Gimme... **Our Christmas** Wish Lists

Since I have everything I could possibly ever want, I asked some of the Beachcomber family to submit their holiday wish lists.

And now I'm sorry I did.

Sheila Conner: Novo XT Unibody Massage Chair, Red. Priced at \$7,999, marked down from \$8,999. See photo on page 4.

Samantha Lambert: That the novel I am trying to write magically finishes itself.

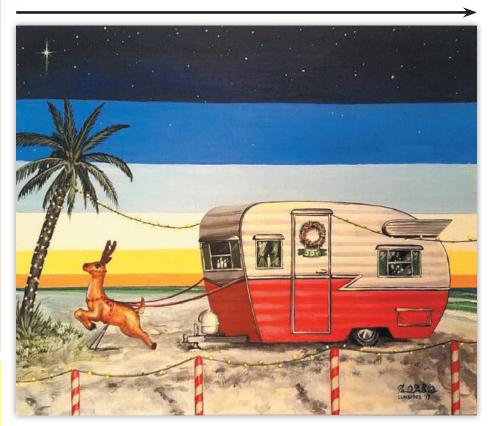
That the novel that magically finishes itself is a bestseller.

That the novel that magically finishes itself and is a bestseller is made into a movie.

That the movie of my bestselling novel stars Susan Sarandon as me.

That the movie of my bestselling novel wins the Best Picture Oscar.

That—like Margaret Mitchell, author of Gone With the Wind—I never write another novel but live famously off my millions.



Another wonderful holiday piece from this issue's cover artist Michael Lunsford, titled "Christmas by the Sea."



This Issue's Contributors

Michael Lunsford (Cover) moved to Santa Rosa Beach from Michigan in 2014. With lots of encouragement (and patience) from his wife Jillian, he is now pursuing art full time. "The Emerald Coast provides a stark contrast to the surroundings of my youth and proves endlessly inspiring," he says.

"'Christmas in Paradise' is my first seasonal creation after a six-year string of noodle trees, cotton ball Santas, and clothespin reindeer in grade school. My typical work starts at realism and bends across to surrealism. I love to paint from personal experience, with increased saturation to bring scenes in line with how I remember them."

Mr. Lunsford's work can be seen locally at Emerald Coast Gallery and Gifts in Destin. Discover more at **MichaelLunsford.net**, Instagram (@mglunsford), and Facebook (Michael Lunsford Art).

Nikki Hedrick ("Celebrating Community This Holiday Season"), a resident of Seagrove Beach, is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She co-owns 850 Music and Entertainment and is currently putting the final touches on the Dec. 8 benefit for local radio personality Eddy Key.

Clay Jones (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Jones was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. See also—this issue's The Last Page.

Chris Leavenworth ("The Russian Connection") has lived in Northwest Florida his whole life. In addition to his work with Destin Harvest and time spent with his family and dog, Chris enjoys good conversations, reading books, and writing and playing music.

Jane Morgan (Record Roundup, Stream On) lives in Brooklyn, New York, but grew up in Destin. She graduated from New York University, where she studied music branding and criticism.

Marilu Morgan (Recommended Reading), a nature lover who grew up in the mountains of northeast Alabama, lives in Destin with husband Chatham, daughter Carla



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May, and beagles Pocket and Hayduke. She blogs about beagles, babies and books at **marilumorgan.com.**

Joni Williams (Brew Review) enjoys eating, drinking and hitting the road on the spur of the moment, which is pretty much what she writes about, too.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

Bruce Collier: Anti-gravity parking garages to hover over South Walton. "Park & Rise."

Attainable bouncy housing.

That Indian restaurant I ask for every year.

Paula Hilton: A lazy river in my backyard.

Me: Swimming lessons for Paula Hilton's dogs.

TALKING (WRITING?) POINTS

Let's talk about the drunken elephant in the room. *USA Today* recently published a list of drunkest cities in each state, and Crestview-Destin-Fort Walton Beach ranked number one for Florida. A bit devastating to read, and as I hung my head in shame, I noticed my glass was empty and immediately went to pour myself another finger of Blanton's

Our friend **Matt Blessinger** appeared on the Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar segment of The Travel Channel's *Food Paradise* recently. Mr. Blessinger did us proud in the final segment of the show's "Boardwalk Eats" episode. The bad news is Al's is closed for the season, so you'll have to wait until next March to dig your choppers into one of those tasty chicken and pineapple sandwiches.

Chef Gio (from Vue on 30A) was kicked off *Hell's Kitchen's* all-star season, so now I'll have to root for the weird girl. The chef once referred to Gordon Ramsay as "an asshole" in a Chef's Up Close article in *Beachcomber*. Wonder if Mr. Ramsay got his hands on that issue?

- Editor Manson



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World of Beachcomber



Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida honcho Gina Marini and Beachcomber Editor Chris Manson at November's Arts and Design Society luncheon in Fort Walton Beach. Ms. Marini, who clearly won the nametag competition, has lots of great events happening at her place in Valparaiso this month.

Photo by Rachael Homack.



Beachcomber contributing writer Zandra Wolfgram (left) snags an awesome NOLA-inspired piece of folk art from Destin artist Vivian Zack at the recent Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation Festival of the Arts.



C.A.R.E. Center Releases Three Rehabilitated Sea Turtles

released three rehabilitated sea turtles on the afternoon of November 20 at Topsail Preserve State Park in Santa Rosa Beach, with over 700 people in attendance.

The three turtles included Kudzu, a iuvenile Green sea turtle, who arrived to the C.A.R.E. Center this August in need of help. Kudzu weighs just over 31 pounds, and was observed not using its front right flipper at Navarre Beach Artificial Reef. The right front flipper was severely swollen at the joint, and Kudzu had very limited range of motion. The diagnosis was a bone infection in the joint on its right front flipper with an old dislocation of the digit bones in the same flipper.

Kudzu received laser therapy treatment for the chronic inflammation at the joint. Antibiotics, fluids, and anti-inflammatory pain medication was administered. The flipper healing was monitored using radiographs. Remnants of a hook were removed from the left corner of Kudzu's jaw as well. The swelling reduced, and range of motion improved. The infection resolved, and accordingly, Kudzu was cleared for release.

Peanut, a juvenile Kemp's ridley, arrived to the C.A.R.E. Center on November 7. Peanut was found at St. George Island in Franklin County. and was transported to Gulf World

The Gulfarium's C.A.R.E. Center Marine Institute, where X-rays showed two large hooks embedded in its esophagus. Peanut was transported to the Gulfarium in the chance that surgery and anesthesia would be needed to remove the hooks. Thankfully, the hooks were successfully removed.

> O'Giblet, a juvenile Green sea turtle, arrived to the C.A.R.E. Center on November 16. A fisherman at the Okaloosa Island Fishing Pier caught the young sea turtle. O'Giblet was safely pulled up with the use of a drop net provided by the Responsible Pier Initiative. The C.A.R.E. team examined the young turtle. No issues were found, and O'Giblet was deemed healthy and ready for a speedy release.

> "This is the perfect example of what to do when a sea turtle is unintentionally hooked at the fishing pier," said Will Merrill, president of the Gulfarium. "We are pleased to know our message and partnership with the Responsible Pier Initiative and the Okaloosa Island Fishing Pier is working."

> The Gulfarium CARE Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is proud to act as a beacon for coastal conservation through marine animal rescue and rehabilitation. Donations are taxdeductible and can be made online. Visit **Gulfarium.com** to learn more.

> > - Meredith Horn



C.A.R.E. Center staff member Caitlin Marsh walks Peanut, a juvenile Kemp's ridley, into the water for release after rehabilitation at Fort Walton Beach's Gulfarium.

Local Students Compete in County Archery Tournament

total of 9,000 arrows in an archery tournament recently held at Meigs Middle School. Five elementary and three middle schools participated in the first of four tournaments for the 2017-18 season.

Meigs Middle School took first place in the middle school team division with a score of 2,914. Their top archers were Aubrey Scamahorn (272) and Kris Ireland (250). Liza Jackson School took second place with a team score or 2,814. Their top archers were Ashley Bozeman (244) and Aris Braxton

Shalimar Elementary School took first place in the elementary school division with a score of 2,494. Their top archers were Alynah Minardo (249) and JT Grace (222). Elliott Point Elementary took second place with a team score of

Over 300 archers shot a combined 2135. Top archers were Altin Aripova (197) and Talan Cooley (196).

> Destin Middle School made its first official appearance, bringing a 5th grade team and a middle school team. Liza Jackson added two teams to their previous year's roster, bringing two elementary and two middle school teams. Shalimar Elementary School brought three teams to the line.

> Bluewater Elementary and Elliott Point Elementary each brought two teams, and Meigs Middle School, Pryor Middle School and Longwood Elementary each had one team.

> The next local tournament will be held Dec. 2 at Ron Crawford Recreation Center in Fort Walton Beach, hosted by Liza Jackson. For more information, visit NASPschools.com.

> > - Keith Oliver



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Florida State Right to Suspend the Dangerous Idiocy of Greek Life on Campus

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Almost 40 years after *Animal House* came out, the teetering ghost of John Belushi's Bluto is alive and blind drunk at college frat houses across the country.

The movie was funny as hell, but it's getting harder to watch. Too many kids are dying in real life.

John Thrasher is the president of Florida State University, and two weeks ago he did what few in his position have ever had the guts to do: He suspended all activities at the school's 54 Greek fraternities and sororities.

"We've got a serious problem," Thrasher said.

A Phi Delta Theta frat member had been busted on cocaine-trafficking charges, and an engineering student was found dead at a private house after a Pi Kappa Phi party. The victim was fraternity pledge Andrew Coffey, 20.

Police say "alcohol may have been a factor" in the young man's death.

Bet on it.

After decades of headlines, it's hard to believe Greek life is still a big thing on campuses. National organizations of fraternities and sororities say they forbid under-aged drinking, strive to put on safe social events, and focus on charitable community service.

Which is exactly the same thing they were saying when I pledged a fraternity, back in the Dark Ages. Then, as now, it was all about the party. A frat house with no booze is about as popular as a crematorium on a Saturday night.

What good things fraternities might do get lost in the lore of weekend vomit-fests. The brainless ritual of hazing, supposedly outlawed, goes on. That's what killed Tim Piazza at the Beta Theta Pi house at Penn State University last February.

Deleted surveillance video restored by FBI technicians shows that the 19-year-old pledge was given 18 alcoholic drinks in a span of 82 minutes. That's not collegial brotherhood; it's homicide.

Piazza tumbled down the basement stairs, cracked his skull, broke his spleen, and was left unconscious overnight while fraternity members argued about what to do. Last week, 10 more Penn State students were charged in his death, bringing the total to more than two dozen.

Several face trial for involuntary manslaughter, one sure way to shake up the Greek-life culture. There's no beer pong in prison.

At Louisiana State University, 10 current and former students have been charged in the Sept. 13 hazing

death of an 18-year-old freshman who was forced to guzzle 190-proof liquor during a sub-moronic prank called "Bible study."

Maxwell Gruver, a pledge at Phi Delta Theta, died with a blood-alcohol content of 0.496, a toxic level six times higher than the legal driving limit. No mother or father should have to get the phone call that his parents did, and Tim Piazza's parents did, and Andrew Coffey's parents did.

You send your kid off to college with grand hopes and all the usual warnings, and then he dies in a crushingly pointless and preventable way, among new friends who supposedly care about him.

Some parents can't say No when their son asks to join a fraternity. Perhaps they're afraid of denying him some masculine rite of passage, or maybe they hold fun memories of their own frat-house antics.

Whatever causes them to say yes, they all find comfort in thinking their boy can take care of himself. Not always.

Days ago, a Phi Kappa Psi pledge at Texas State University was found dead after a fraternity party. Matthew Ellis, 20, was a sophomore business student. To no one's astonishment, police say alcohol could be involved.

The president of Texas State followed John Thrasher's decisive example. He didn't just shut down the Phi Kappa house, he suspended all fraternity and sorority activities.

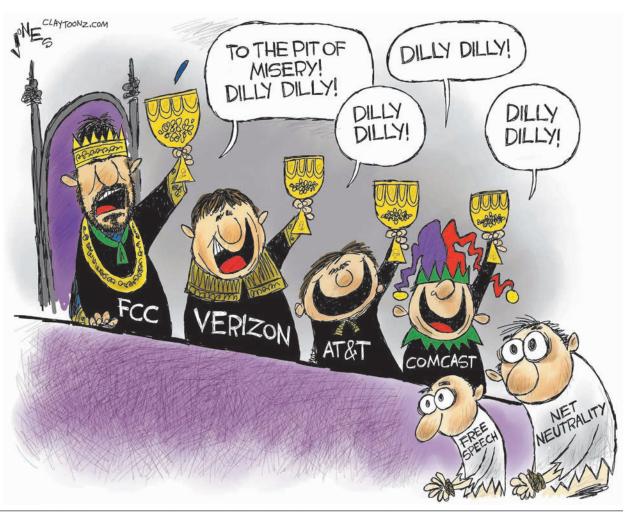
Thrasher has called for a "new normal" in the Greek system, and promised FSU's ban would remain in place until students committed to changing their behavior.

These aren't the words of some whiny social crusader. A decorated Vietnam veteran, Thrasher was a Republican power player for years in Tallahassee, serving in the state House and Senate and then as party chairman.

He's also an alumnus of the university he now leads and was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. "There must be a new culture," he said, "and our students must be full participants in it."

Killing the long tradition of Animal House idiocy won't be easy, and it won't happen unless more college presidents stand up like Thrasher has. Nor will change happen unless more parents of aspiring pledges wake up and say No.

Imagine your worst nightmare coming true. Imagine that phone call.



Can't Beat the Benefits of the Florida Legislature

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Tallahassee, that gilded Gomorrah of the Panhandle, is in an uproar.

Allegations of sexual misconduct by some top state lawmakers—with rumors of more headlines to come—have caused a seismic puckering of orifices throughout the capital city.

The latest scandal (speaking of puckering) has led to the abrupt demotion of Senate Appropriations Chair Sen. Jack Latvala. He's the married Republican gubernatorial candidate who was secretly photographed kissing a female lobbyist in the parking lot of an Italian restaurant.

The existence of the pictures, taken last spring, was revealed about two weeks ago. *Politico Florida* then reported that several unnamed women had accused Latvala of verbal harassment and inappropriate touching.

He fiercely denies any wrongdoing, and the lobbyist in the smooch photos has asserted there was no intimate relationship. Perhaps she and the senator were innocently sharing a breath mint.

The Latvala bombshell exploded only days after one of his married pals, Senate Democratic Leader Jeff Clemens, resigned from office after admitting to an affair with yet another lobbyist.

Tallahassee's establishment isn't shocked by the type of misbehavior so much as how it's getting exposed. A private eye supposedly hired by an embittered ex-senator is prowling the town, hiding spy-cams at strategic locations such as a condo building populated with lawmakers and their staffs.

Now philanderers and serial gropers in both political parties are lying awake at night wondering if they're next

The unseemly intersection of legislators and lobbyists is as old as the corporate expense account, but sex isn't usually part of the deal. Lobbyists need politicians to push the legislative agendas of their client, whether that happens to be the NRA or the Sierra Club.

Lawmakers, in turn, need lobbyists to instruct them how to vote, to occasionally write bills for them to sponsor, and then to slowly explain what those bills actually say.

In exchange for their pliability, officeholders expect lobbyists to hit up their clients for hefty campaign donations. Often both sides get what they want, and nobody has to change the sheets afterward.

Recreational infidelity happens at every state house in the country—not to mention in Washington, D.C.—so it's hardly surprising that politicians sometimes do hook up with lobbyists.

Tallahassee's establishment isn't shocked by the type of misbehavior so much as how it's getting publicized. There is a professional risk, if not a stigma, exposed. A private eye supposedly hired by an for all participants.

Latvala has blamed the Clemens leak on former Sen. Frank Artiles, a Miami Republican who quit the Legislature in April after details of a racially tainted exchange with other senators became public.

Artiles was angered when later news stories revealed his political action committee—the operative word being action—had hired as "consultants" a *Playboy* model and a former Hooters waitress who marketed her own line of bikinis.

Such foolishness was astounding, even by Tallahassee's slack standards.

Some fear a vengeful Artiles has deployed a private investigator to snoop on other lawmakers. No comment has been offered by the ex-senator.

Regardless of whether or not Latvala's enemies paid to have him tailed, his quest for the governor's mansion is likely derailed.

When you're running for higher office, you must remember this: A kiss is not just a kiss—particularly if it happens at night in a parking lot with someone other than your spouse.

All sorts of shady extracurricular activities occur during Florida's legislative sessions. Some of it is simple seduction, and some is abominable harassment, but all of it has been customarily shielded by a wall of silence.

The ever-quotable J.M. (Mac) Stipanovich, a longtime GOP operative in Tallahassee, explained it deftly: "You have attractive and ambitious young women and powerful and, perhaps, predatory men. And they are at great distance from the usual filters that modulate that dynamic."

And its geographic isolation is one of the main reasons Tallahassee remains the capital, a conveniently inconvenient location for most Floridians to visit.

Nonstop flights to the city are few, and the planes are small. Lawmakers really don't want us showing up. We'll just spoil everything.

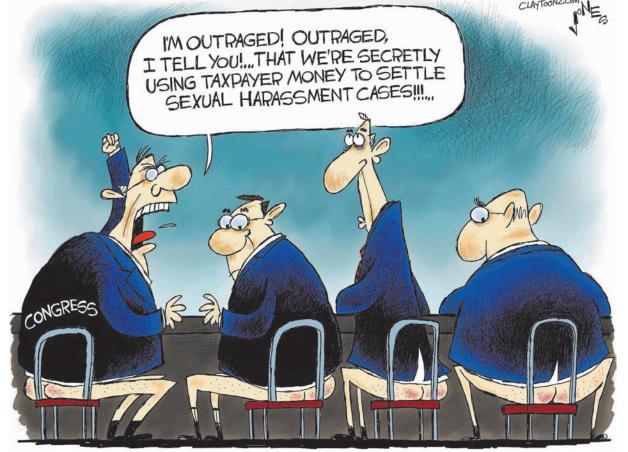
As Don Gaetz, the former Senate president and a conservative Republican from Niceville, remarked to the *Herald/Times*: "People do things in Tallahassee that they would never do at the Rotary Club back home."

That's because the usual filters "modulate" that dynamic.

Even in the parking lot at the Rotary Club.

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Time Is Money... Or Is It?

By Charles Morgan III

Time is money. We've all heard that before. But it's not really.

There are lots of ways to attain money. There's the old-fashioned way. You can inherit it. Being born a white male in the United States is the original affirmative action. Most people aren't born white or male or in the United States. You can work hard and be smart. You can be thrifty and save your money. You can get lucky. You can steal it. There are all kinds of way to make money.

We often ascribe intelligence to wealthy people. Many times that is an overly generous assumption. You don't have to be particularly smart to get wealthy. While it can help, it's not always necessary.

Most people understand that even tremendous wealth cannot buy happiness.

If it's happiness you're looking for, you should have been born as Junior, our golden retriever. I swear that dog has been ecstatically happy every single day for 14 years.

Ask the wealthiest person you know—if they could trade all of their wealth to purchase an extra 10 years of healthful life, would they do it? The financially successful people I know would answer in unison. YES!

I think I know some people who might have actually tried it. Good luck with that.

To be truly aware of time, it helps to be good with numbers (it also helps in accruing wealth). I ran track growing up. Time was everything. To run a 4:20 mile, you needed to know what four 65-second quarter miles felt like. To run a 1:52 half mile, you had to be able to run four 28-second 220s. Interval training had as much impact on my life as arithmetic.

When you are young, everything takes forever. Your first car. Your first girlfriend. Graduating from school. Your first house. Your first child. As you age, things tend to pick up speed.

Adages about time can be misleading. "Those hours spent fishing are not deducted from a man's allotted time" and "A bad day fishing beats a good day at

work" are examples. I fish, and I can assure you that I've had horrendously stressful days fishing and spectacular days at work.

Don't believe the old sayings about real estate values increasing over time. "Buy beachfront property—they're not making any more of it" is an example. First of all, beachfront property where we live has not gone up in value for many years. Also, as it turns out, they are making more of it. The continued rise in sea level in coastal communities will result in DeFuniak Springs being the next beachfront tourist trap.

Money is different. I'm not sure about inherited wealth. But I think that most people who have successfully created wealth think that if they lose it all they can make it back again. At least they *feel like they can make it back again*. But one thing no one can do is buy time.

Life expectancy has increased over the years. Advanced health care, changes in nutrition, and active lifestyles has made for healthier and longer lives. But not really by too much.

And so we keep plugging along. One foot in front of the other. Working on our breathing. And as Woody Allen said: "98 percent of life is just showing up."

There's 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day.

They aren't going to be making any more of that.



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The Russian Connection

By Chris Leavenworth

To not acknowledge or to disregard the enormous wealth of evidence that connects Trump and cohorts to the Kremlin interfering with US election is to be overtly misinformed at this point.

What's painfully obvious is how belligerent the president can be to any world leader or celebrity, and how quickly he'll call someone a liar without any concern for the actual truth of the claim being made, nor the integrity of its source. Yet he won't bring himself to say anything less than charitable about Vladimir Putin. Trump insists that Russia's third term president, ex-KGB foreign intelligence officer, and most powerful man in the world is telling the truth when he says he didn't meddle with the 2016 election.

Trump expects everyone to be appeased solely by his assessment on the matter. When he fired Comey, he said he did it because "the Russia thing with Trump is a made-up story." Then he asked the guy he's been accused of colluding with if Russia did in fact meddle with the election.

Oddly, Trump insists (for once) that criminal counts (one being conspiracy someone is *not* a liar, and he's confident Putin is telling the truth when Putin conveniently responded that he didn't do the thing he's notoriously known to do with elections all over the world. And we're all to be satisfied with Trump's final word on it.

Whether or not Trump actually colluded with Russia, there's sufficient evidence to conclude that Russia did in fact interfere with the 2016 U.S. election. From social media, disinformation campaigns, leaking of classified documents describing details about Russia's attempt to hack American voting systems, to hacking the DNCthere's a sea of content available online that demonstrates this point.

Despite Trump's dismissal of the investigation and his claims that it's a total witch-hunt, almost every week a new person involved with his campaign or administration is discovered having extensive history working directly with the Kremlin or with Russian oligarchs closely tied to it.

Manafort, Trump's former Paul campaign manager indicted on 12 against the U.S.), has over \$60 million in total business dealings with one of the most prominent oligarchs in Russia and Putin's close friend, Oleg Deripaska, as revealed by financial documents filed in Cyprus and the Cayman Islands.

One of the heavier charges Manafort faces connects him and his protégé Rick Gates, to lobbying for a pro-Russian president in the Ukraine and the imprisonment of a presidential rival between 2012 and 2014. While that's certainly shady business and totally unusual for any normal person to be involved in, the real reason he's in trouble is because he failed to register as a foreign agent and he laundered over \$20 million in lobbying earnings.

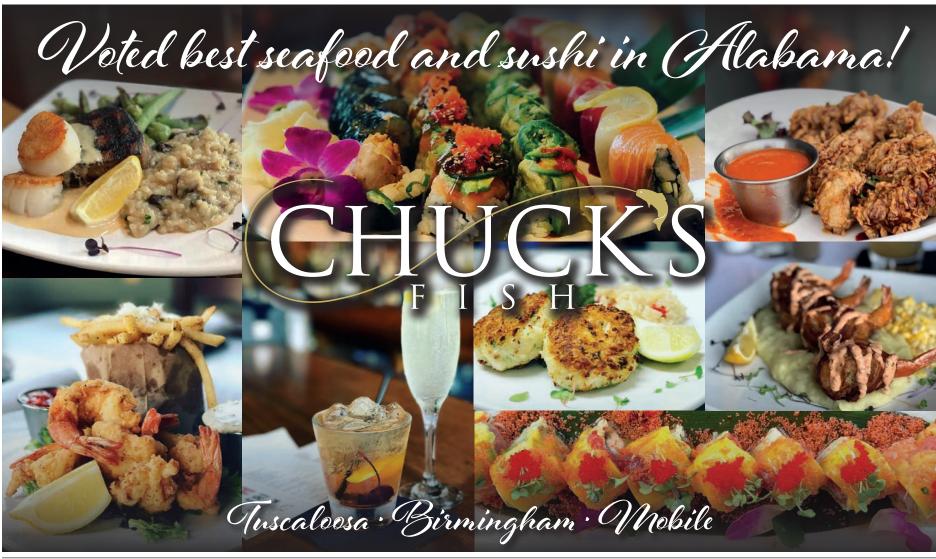
George Papadopoulos, foreign policy advisor to Trump's presidential campaign, is a much more palpable threat. Papadopoulos has already pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his contacts with Russians. The plea agreement states that Papadopoulos was contacted by Russia because of his position as foreign policy advisor for Trump's campaign.

The plea agreement also details Papadopoulos' efforts to acquire dirt on Hillary Clinton from officials in the Russian Foreign Ministry and confirms that Trump's campaign was aware of the thousands of stolen emails prior to it being publicly announced.

Former senior advisor to Donald Trump's campaign, Michael Caputo, has been recognized as Putin's personal "image consultant" and was hired by Gazprom Media in 2000 to help improve the image of Vladmir Putin in the United States. Caputo may have had nothing to do with Russia interfering with the election, but he's just another example of the repeating theme between those within Trump's circle and the Russian government.

The number of people involved with Trump's campaign and administration (including Trump and his own family) deeply invested and connected with Russia is astounding. Rex Tillerson, Jeff Sessions, Michael Flynn, Donald Trump Jr., Jared Kushner, Carter Page, Roger Stone, Felix Sater, Paul Manafort, George Papadopoulos, Michael Caputo...

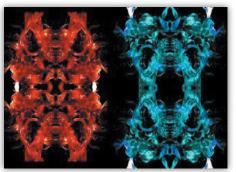
The list keeps growing, and I have only enough space for one column.



SoWal High Student Art on Display

High School are honored to have their Design, 2D Photography, 3D Design, work exhibited for the third year at the Walton County Coastal Branch Library in Santa Rosa Beach.

The works selected for the exhibit were created in the Art I and the Art 2D Honors Pre-AP classes, as well as



Kyzer Schilling

Meaghan Kirwan

Art students from South Walton in the students' AP Art classes for 2D and Drawing.

> Works in the exhibit—going on through January 2018—range from traditional drawings, design interpretations, and photographic works to pieces where the students have taken varied approaches with deconstructions, work manipulations and experimental media.

> The students' art teacher is Dr. Vivian Moreira Komando.

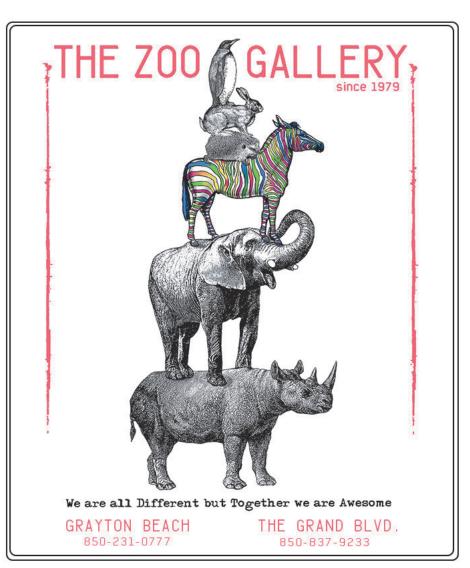
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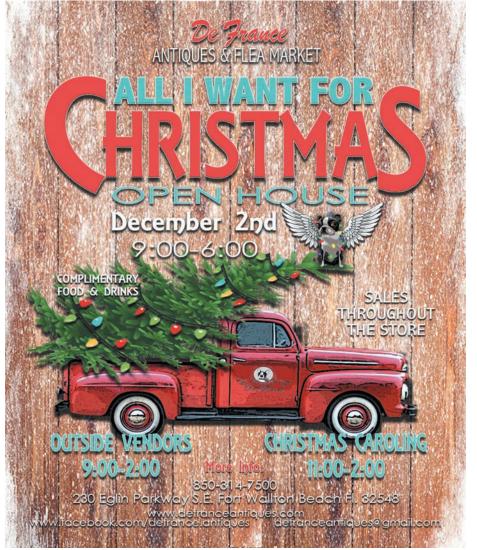


Sofia Papagni



Vanover with Steve Czonstka and Gina Marinipresents a pen and ink drawing of the late Valparaiso Mayor Bruce Arnold to the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida. For 53 years, Mr. Arnold served as mayor to the town that's also home to the museum and Ms. Vanover's Kind Design Fine Art Studio.







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Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. **rosalynogrady.com.**

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

ARTISTS AT GULF PLACE, 40 Town Center Loop, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-622-0400 or visit **www.artistsatgulfplace.com** for more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with Marcy Eady is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique

favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

Thursdays. Watercolor with Pat Farwell, 9:30 a.m.-noon. For beginners and advanced artists. Bring your own supplies. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

Dec. 22. Concrete Stepping Stone Class for Children, 10 a.m.-noon. Children ages 7-15 are invited to join **Marcy Eady** as they design and embellish their own stones. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for ADSO members).

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit www.CHROMA30A. com for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit **fullcirclefwb.com** for more info.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit **Heritage-Museum. org** to sign up or for more info.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

Dec. 9. Working with Corks by Dana Bridges, 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$25, all supplies included. Make unique Christmas ornaments and gifts. Register by Dec. 4. Email scrappedreusecenter@gmail.com.



Rachael Homack's "Rustic Reclaimed" won first place in the Arts and Design Society's recent Art Week competition, "Look What I Found."

Photo submitted by Tuny Jennings.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton,

Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 a.m. All ages classes at 11 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at \$85, kids at \$40. Sign up online at **ShardShop.com** or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH DEC. 2. FALL ROTATION AT THE FOSTER GALLERY, GRAND BOULEVARD AT SANDESTIN

The Cultural Arts Association of Walton County's artist collective features **Charlotte** Arnold, Diane Black, Jacques Camp, Kevin Campbell, Donnelle Clark, Curt Couch, Joanna Ellington, Ian Fagan, Grace Gisselqist, Theresa Grill Laird, Victoria Guennewig, Linda Kernick, Dolores King, Sharon Long, Susan Lucas, Dana Maher, Michael McCarty, Theresia McInnis, Mark Messerly, Shelley Minchew, Melanie Moore, Denise Nosal, Rosalyn O'Grady, Marian Pacsuta, Kyle Paxton, Betty Pinkston, Mary Redmann, Lori Schinelli, Dorothy Starbuck, Jenna Varney, Joan Vienot and Steve Wagner. Selected by jury, all artists are members of the Cultural Arts Alliance, and each will exhibit one to two pieces of work in this special exhibition.

THROUGH DEC. 15. RICK OTOUPALIK EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY

Titled "LiterARTure," the showcase from multimedia and graphic artist Otoupalik, features a variety of work. More at **otoupalikarts.com.**

THROUGH DEC. 16. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) ARTS AND CRAFTS CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

The Christmas market features an assortment of gifts, including jewelry, paintings, clay works, decorations, photographs and note cards, all created by the ADSO's wildly talented members. Works are all reasonably priced. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more info, call 850-244-1271.

THROUGH DEC. 22. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH

Wonderful art pieces at great prices, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Jewelry, glass designs, porcelain works, clay designs and much more.

THROUGH DEC. 31. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH



This month, the spotlight falls on the vibrant acrylic and oil paintings of award-winning **Pat Z. Roberts,** whose "Happy Hour" was recently featured on *Beachcomber*'s cover.

THROUGH JAN. 31, 2018. SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Bright young talents under the tutelage of **Dr. Vivian Moreira Komando.**

DEC. 1. ADSO CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Enjoy festive activities from 6 to 8 p.m., including an auction of holiday decorations and a potluck dinner provided by ADSO members. For more info, visit **artsdesignsociety.org**, or call 850-244-1271.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

AMUSE ART STUDIO Acrylic paintings, watercolors and gifts. Owner and artist **Linda Barton** has a Master's Degree in Art Education. Open 2-6 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-660-6560 or 250-901-0718. Check out more at **amuseartstudio.com.**

ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. **www.artfulthings.net.**

ARTISTS AT GULF PLACE Eight great artists, one great location. Art, photography, pottery, jewelry, tie dye, glass art, woodworking, classes, workshops and more. Open seven days a week. 40 Town Center Loop, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-0400. www.artistsatgulfplace.com.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. **www.artsdesignsociety.org**.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of local artist Kathleen Broaderick. Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery, or take a class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint-and-sip-type classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding the joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit www. CHROMA30a.com or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space.

We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. www.fullcirclefwb.com.

G & CO. GALLERY (formerly Geana's Art Gallery) Located in City Market, Destin. An exciting art gallery and full service frame and mirror shop offering a large selection of local, regional and international artists ranging from local photography to original fine art. Quality and value is second to none. We ship worldwide. 850-650-0779. **www.GAndCoGallery.com.**

HH ARTS offers works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein air painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located at 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's Morning Drive Show and Emeril's Florida TV show. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Gallery is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio. com.

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Visit www.mattiekellyartscenter. org or call 850-729-6044.

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We suggested BEACHCOMBER cover artist Robin Wiesneth take on R.E.M.'s "Everybody Hurts" for her painted song lyric project. We're not hurting anymore.

30A Fest 2018, Starring Ann Wilson from Heart, Steve Earle, Emmylou Harris, Patty Griffin and Tons More

The ninth annual 30A Songwriters Festival—set for Jan. 12-15, 2018—announces that Ann Wilson from Heart will join the headliners for the celebration of singers and songs. The festival, held in venues along Scenic Highway 30A in South Walton County, has also added the following performers to the lineup—Kathy Mattea, Paul Thorn, Aaron Lee Tasjan, Ed Roland, James McMurtry, Hayes Carll, Drivin' N' Cryin,' and Ruthie Foster.

Plus-John Driskell Hopkins, Bob Schneider, The Secret Sisters, Webb Wilder, Bonnie Bishop, Seth Walker, Elise Davis, Kevn Kinney, Daphne Willis, Tommy Talton, Sugarcane Jane, The Mulligan Brothers, Adron, Tom Gray, Liz Longley, Grayson Capps, Chastity Brown, Gurufish, Caroline Spence, The Mastersons, Vanessa Peters, The Tall Pines, Michigan Rattlers, Cooper Carter, Chasing Lovely, The Ormewoods, Silver Alchemy, Tamara Stewart, Patterson Barrett, Carly Burruss, Ian Fitzgerald, Leah Calvert, Chris Alvarado, Sera Cahoone, Clarence Bucaro, The Mosleys, Mando Saenz, ESOEBO and The Wide Open.

Headliners previously confirmed for main stage performances in presenting partner Grand Boulevard's Town Center include esteemed artists Emmylou Harris, Steve Earle, The Zombies, North Mississippi Allstars and Lee Ann Womack. Also confirmed



for premier nighttime performances are **Charles Kelly** of Lady Antebellum, **Patty Griffin, Emily Saliers** of Indigo Girls with her solo Murmuration Nation band, **Shawn Mullins,** and Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame members **Mike Reid** and **Craig Wiseman.**

Among the 175 stellar songwriters who will perform at the 2018 Festival-Tommy Stinson (the Replacements, Bash & Pop), John Gorka, Gretchen Peters, Jeffrey Steele, Kim Richey, Mary Gauthier, Jeff Black, Will Kimbrough, Dan Navarro, The War & Treaty, Wyatt Durette, Farewell Angelina, Griffin House, Levi Lowrey, Gabriel Kelley, Michael McDermott, Peter Case, Charlie Mars, Peter Bradley Adams, Chris Stills, Emerson Hart (Tonic), David Ryan Harris (John Mayer Band), David Hodges (Evanescence), Erick Baker, Heather Horton, Jesse Terry, Joe Crookston, Old Salt Union, Peter Karp, Randall Bramblett, Robby Hecht, Don Dixon and Marti

Jones, Becky Warren, Alex Guthrie, Jemina & Selina, Mary Bragg, Blue Jays, Josh Osborne, Jaren Johnston, Mark Irwin, Jonathan Singleton, Jeremy Stover, Matt Dragstrem, Adam Hambrick, Jacob Davis, Austin Jenckes, David Berkeley, Davin McCoy, Matt Hires, David Robert King, Eliot Bronson, and Michelle Malone.

The 30A Songwriters Festival production team transforms amphitheaters, town halls, restaurants, theaters, bars and covered patios into unique music venues ranging in capacity from 75 to 500 seats indoors and 5,000 outdoors. A variety of festival weekend passes are now available starting at \$280 and can be purchased at **30asongwritersfestival. com,** and locally in South Walton at the Cultural Arts Alliance office in Santa Rosa Beach, the Foster Gallery in Grand Boulevard, and Central Square Records in Seaside.

"The 2018 festival lineup is shaping up to be the best ever combination of Americana, country, folk, alternative and blues songwriters," says **Russell Carter,** festival co-producer.

"The 30A Songwriters Festival is a unique cultural event like no other in this area. The festival brings together nearly every South Walton community and many businesses to showcase our home as a destination not only for its beautiful beaches, but also for its musical and creative excellence, which is the purpose of the Cultural Arts Alliance," says **Jennifer Steele**,

executive director of the Cultural Arts Alliance and festival co-producer.

"The festival is critical to the mission of the Cultural Arts Alliance and by far our biggest fundraiser. One hundred percent of the festival's net proceeds go back into our nonprofit and enable the CAA to continue to be a champion for the arts in Walton County."

The 30A Songwriters Festival has once again teamed up with NPR's Folk Alley, a multi-media music service produced by WKSU. Folk Alley will be on site throughout the weekend, producing unique sessions, interviewing artists, and filming and recording performances in a home studio on 30A. The in-studio sessions are aired on the syndicated Folk Alley Radio Show. The sessions from the 30A Songwriters Festival are archived at folkalley.com. ASCAP returns as a sponsor and hosts a three-night series of up-and-coming and seasoned songwriters in the round and late night artist parties.

Four-course VIP dinners hosted by award-winning guest chefs are being offered on Friday and Saturday nights. Both dinners will include wine pairings by Adam Caperton, as well as special musical guests to be announced at a later date.

VIP tickets offering premium seating on the lawn at Grand Boulevard for the headline shows on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and access to the VIP tent serving complementary food, beer, wine and cocktails are available online. Additional VIP offerings include various all-weekend transportation packages for parties of two up to 12 as well as a special night of music and free craft beers at the Grayton Beer Company Taproom.

Stay tuned for updates, as well as profiles of some of the 2018 performers in upcoming editions of *Beachcomber*.

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

DEC. 1

Grayson Capps, Scarlett Roses. Also on vinyl.

The Faceless, In Becoming a Ghost

Ella Fitzgerald, Ella at Zardi's

Van Morrison, Versatile. Also on vinyl.

Operation: Mindcrime, The New Reality

The Alan Parsons Project, Eye in the Sky (35th Anniversary Edition). Also on vinyl, Blu-ray, etc.

Pitbull, Greatest Hits

The Rolling Stones, On Air. Also on vinyl.

Rush, A Farewell to Kings (40th Anniversary Deluxe Edition). Also on vinyl.

The Sex Pistols, Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols: 40th Anniversary Deluxe Edition

Chris Stapleton, From a Room, Vol. 2. Also on vinyl.

U2, Songs of Experience. Also on vinyl.

Neil Young / Promise of the Real, *The Visitor.* Also on vinyl.

DEC. 8

Belle and Sebastian, How to Solve Our Human Problems (Part 1)

Luke Bryan, What Makes You Country

Jim James, *Tribute to 2.* Also on vinyl.

K. Michelle, Kimberly: People I Used to Know

Johnny Mathis, The Voice of Romance: The Columbia Original Album Collection

Shovels & Robe, *Busted Jukebox Volume 2.* Also on vinyl.

Barbra Streisand, Barbra: The Music... The Mem'ries... The Magic! (Live in Concert)

Chris Thile, Thanks for Listening

Sources: pauseandplay.com, allmusic.com, metacritic.com

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Converge *The Dusk in Us*Deathwish Inc.

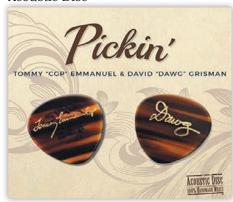


Like anything, music outside of the mainstream has those who are grandfathered in because they helped forge the genre they reside in. For metalcore/hardcore hybrids, Converge wears that crown. The band has existed for nearly three decades, but don't assume they are resting on their laurels. Here, they pump out music that is angry, complex and truly magnificent.

- Nikki Hedrick

Tommy Emmanuel and David Grisman Pickin'

Acoustic Disc

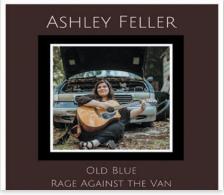


It's Django Reinhardt meets Bill Monroe. Pickers collide on *Pickin'*, with guitarist Emmanuel and mandolinist Grisman ganging up on 12 tracks that free-range over folk, jazz, Romany, and blues. The first song, "Zorro's Last Ride," pulls you in, and the pace never flags until the last ornately sad strains of "Waltzing Matilda." A favorite was the Roaring '20s classic "Sweet Georgia Brown," which starts

out as a slow stroll, then ramps up into something out of a silent comedy. I think these guys would have just kept on playing if someone hadn't stopped them. Grab your honey and dance.

- Bruce Collier

Ashley FellerOld Blue / Rage Against the Van Independent



With playful lyrics and a cheerful delivery, Feller's album is full of folkie goodness from the singersongwriter. Calling St. Andrews home (just east of Panama City, if you didn't know), Feller takes a stripped down acoustic approach. If you've been on the lookout for an Americana artist that isn't afraid to be a bit tongue-in-cheek while singing about all the colors of life, Feller is just the thing to delight you.

- Nikki Hedrick

Charlotte Gainsbourg *Rest*

Because



Gainsbourg, the daughter of British actress Jane Birkin and the French singer-songwriter Serge Gainsbourg,

combines her practices of acting and singing in a way that deepens the emotional intensity of her work. She has been singing with her dad since she was a teenager, but *Rest* is her most personal work to date. She works through all-consuming grief, blending and playing with French and English and creating songs that see pain and fight through it with love, histrionic energy, and in the darkest moments, joy. *Rest* is stunning and life affirming in its extremities.

- Jane Morgan

Angel Olsen Phases

Jagjaguwar



Phases is a new collection of demos, B-sides, covers, and previously unreleased tracks from the Ashevillebased powerhouse singer-songwriter Angel Olsen. Olsen has made a name for herself with tender and emphatic brand of folk, and on *Phases*, she lets us in on the process, the influences, and the non-polished but just as sharp outtakes. Her love songs are endlessly affecting, as she croons with stirring conviction and emotional uncertainty all at once. Phases gives us an entry point into the rawness and yearning at the core of her work, as Olsen feels more accessible than ever.

- Jane Morgan

Gregory PorterNat "King" Cole & Me

Blue Note

Grammy laureate singer Porter devotes his third album on Blue Note to paying tribute to the music of Nat "King" Cole. Backing up Porter is the London Studio Orchestra, with



trumpeter Terence Blanchard sitting in on two tracks. There's some must-haves like "Mona Lisa" and "Nature Boy" among the 12 tracks, and lesser known covers including a chilling, noirish "Miss Otis Regrets." Porter's voice bears resemblance to that of Cole, but his is a slightly deeper, gruffer tone. Cole was a master of phrasing, blending elegance with blues, and Porter offers homage, not imitation. And yes, "The Christmas Song" is here.

- Bruce Collier

Sarah Lou Richards Someone Who Gets Me

Independent



A big southern-charmed voice peeks out of the very first verse of the very first track, leading the way to an album of new revelations and polished country-soul. Whether backed by looping harmonies or gently wrapped in reverb, Richards' voice is always squarely center stage. And with dang fine reason.

- Nikki Hedrick



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Everyday Is Christmas

Monkey Puzzle/Atlantic

Though some of the tracks on Sia's alloriginal holiday album sound pretty soulful, this is unmistakably pop. "Candy $\,$ A year ago saw the release of $\,$ Jazz Cane Lane" and "Snowman" have such a Loves Disney on Verve, an imaginative retro sound they could be from an episode of Happy Days. Others, like "Snowflake" and the title song, are more contemporary and thoughtful, but remain a far cry from "Breathe Me," the gorgeous 2002 song that brought the Australian singer mainstream recognition. The best song is "Puppies Are Forever" (not just Christmas Day) which serves as a much-needed reminder of the long term commitment Elephant Fly" (by Les Corbeaux, and care a canine Christmas gift needs and deserves. Though it probably won't become a Christmas classic, it's an upbeat album that delivers a fun holiday vibe.

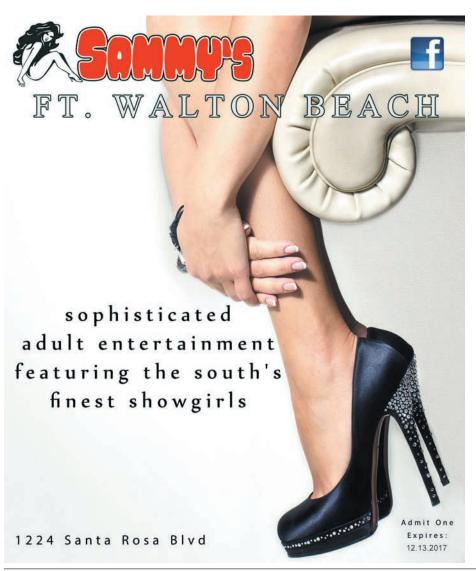
- Joni Williams

Jazz Loves Disney 2 – A Kind of Magic



collection of interpretations of classic Disney tunes. On the dot, a year later they've released a sequel. This one offers 11 tracks by a variety of artists including Jamie Cullum, Madeleine Peyroux, and George Benson. Some of the covers are in the spirit of the original, others, like a French language version of "When I See an naturally), veer off a bit. Cullum and French actor Eric Cantona offer a glitzy, string-enriched, Mel Tormeflavored Vegas big band version of "Be Our Guest."

- Bruce Collier





Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com** to get your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

CAMILLE'S. Destin. CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin

SONS OF TEXAS - ELISIUM - SLEEP SIGNALS,

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 I'MAGENE 7 p.m. The rebranding of Continuum.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtvard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach BOB CUSHING, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

AJ'S, Grayton Beach

NEW EARTH ARMY, 9 p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY 6-10 p.m.

BELLA SERA BISTRO, HarborWalk Village DIKI ROSS, 4-7 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin

JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m. **CLUB LA, Destin**

ALL THAT REMAINS - SUPER BOB, 8 p.m. DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso

RONNIE PRESLEY, 6 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 GROUP THERAPY, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m. THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin DELTA REIGN DUO, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JA77 BAND 5:30-10 p.m.

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RED HOT MAMA AND THE ALLIGATOR DADDIES 6:30 p.m. New Orleans Blues

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES 8 p.m.-Midnight

TAILFINS, Destin

BROADCAST 90, 8 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

Friday Night Originals, 7 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach YUNG S.A.L.T., 9 p.m.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH, Destin

SARAH SIMMONS LANGSTON, 7 p.m. Joining the former contestant from NBC's The Voice—Ms. Langston's husband Greg and the Mattie Kelly Community Chorus. Admission is a donation of a new unwrapped child's toy. More at MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

AJ'S, Grayton Beach WINSTON RAMBLE, 9 p.m.

DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso RONNIE PRESLEY, 6 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 HERITAGE, 10 p.m.

GULF PLACE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach

CASEY KEARNEY Noon

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S. Destin. lulubuffett.com/destin

BROKEN DOWN CAR, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RFD BAR JAZZ BAND. 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SRO. Niceville

ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach BLUE LEW. 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TAILFINS. Destin BROADCAST 90, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

AJ'S. Destin

JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

BOSHAMPS. Destin

I'MAGENE, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach DONNIE SUNDAL - FLY DENTS - PHIL CALHOUN - DUKE BARDWELL - SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

COLE JORDAN, 7-11 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin STICKY TOO, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin

RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

THE WINE BAR, Destin CASEY KEARNEY, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 4

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

Blues Jam, 7 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach

KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach

ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m. Cat Shirt Monday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin LIGHT TRAVELERS, 5 p.m.

PHINEAS PHOGG'S SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola

JOE OCCHIPINI'S HOLIDAY SAX FOUR FUN -THE DHARMA BEATS (CYNTHIA DOMULOT, **BOB ANDREWS. CHUCK SCHWARTZ & FRED** DOMULOT) - SAUNDRA DAGGS - KATHY LYON - CRYSTAL JOY - JOHN LINK - and More Jazz Pensacola Jingle Jazz

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

BELLA SERA BISTRO, HarborWalk Village DIKI ROSS, 4-7 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach

JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LA PAZ, Destin SHANE CURLE, 6-9 p.m.

Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SEAGAR'S. Sandestin RAY HITCHELL 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m. Taco Tuesday

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE,

Santa Rosa Beach Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach Bad Kitty Karaoke with CHRISTINE, 8-11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

BELLA SERA BISTRO, HarborWalk Village DIKI ROSS, 4-7 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach

JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB. Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach NIC TURNER & FRIENDS, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin WILL & LINDA, 5 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach EMERALD GOLD, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

Live Music

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com

TBA, 6 p.m.

Wednesday Night Concert Series – Holiday Edition

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach CHRIS HAYES. 5-9 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin

AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 I'MAGENE, 7 p.m.

GIOVANNI'S ONE89, Fort Walton Beach COASTAL GROOVE, 6 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

AJ'S, Grayton Beach NAKD, 9 p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

BELLA SERA BISTRO, HarborWalk Village DIKI ROSS, 4-7 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin

JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin

NIK FLAGSTAR AND HIS DIRTY MANGY DOGS, THE HELVETICA EFFECT, SHENANIGANS, et al. Benefit for Eddy Key.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 I'MAGENE, 8 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m. BOUKOU GROOVE, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

DERRICK DORSEY, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside

THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

Friday Night Originals, 7 p.m.

WORLD OF BEER, Destin

HERITAGE, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

AJ'S, Grayton Beach

NAKD, 9 p.m.

BELLA SERA BISTRO, HarborWalk Village DIKI ROSS, 4-7 p.m.

DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso

RONNIE PRESLEY, 7 p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin

THE PRINCE EXPERIENCE, 8 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 THE SCRATCHTONES

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach

4 DAZE DEAD, 9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

DREW TILLMAN, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

A SIMPLE FAITH, Santa Rosa Beach

MARCILLE WALLIS & FRIENDS, 6 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach THE BELVEDERE 1000. 9 p.m.

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com

Tuba Christmas, 5 p.m.

A unique holiday concert for the whole family.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

AJ'S, Destin

I'MAGENE, 4 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin

I'MAGENE, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach

DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach

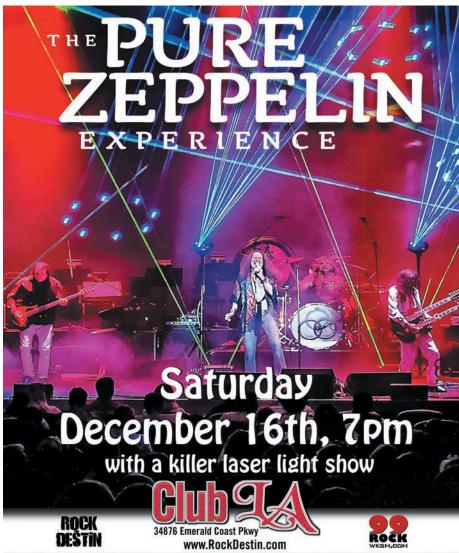
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

COLE JORDAN, 7-11 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.







Live Music

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin

BOB CUSHING 11 a.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach

BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach

THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE. Okaloosa Island

CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

MONDAY, DEC. 11

AJ'S. Destin

NAKD, 9 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

Blues Jam, 7 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach

KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton

SINNERS & SAINTS 8 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m. Cat Shirt Monday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S. Destin. lulubuffett.com/destin

JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin

RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach

JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach

Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

BELLA SERA BISTRO, HarborWalk Village

DIKI ROSS, 4-7 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton

Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE. Rosemary Beach

JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LA PAZ, Destin

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

NIKKI TALLEY, 5 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin

RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach

BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m. Taco Tuesday

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach Bad Kitty Karaoke with CHRISTINE, 8-11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

BELLA SERA BISTRO, HarborWalk Village

DIKI ROSS, 4-7 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton

Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach

JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach NIC TURNER & FRIENDS, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach EMERALD GOLD, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach

NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin. BavtowneWharf.com

BOUKOU GROOVE. 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Concert Series – Holiday

The Sounds (and the Voice) of the Season



Sarah Simmons Langston performs at Destin's Village Baptist Church Friday, Dec. 1. **Publicity Photo**

The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation and co-presenters Destin Assembly of God, Destin United Methodist, St. Peter Catholic Church and Village Baptist Church present The 22nd Annual Sounds of the Season Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at Village Baptist Church, located at 101 Matthew Boulevard in Destin.

This year's concert features guest artist Sarah Simmons Langston and her husband-accompanist Greg.

In 2013, Ms. Langston wowed her way onto the NBC's The Voice, resulting in all four judges' chairs turning and her advancement to the Final Eight. Ms. Langston majored in voice and worship leadership at the University of Mobile before transferring to the Memphis-based Visible Music College where she met her husband. She and Greg write, record and tour together.

"We are so excited to be a part of the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's Sounds of the Season, bringing some

Christmas favorites that we all know," Ms. Langston says.

The Mattie Kelly Community Chorus represents a diverse group of men and women from several local churches and residents in our community. The chorus is open to all members of the community, including area church choir members and winter residents.

Admission is a donation of a new unwrapped child's toy to be distributed among the participating churches' outreach ministries to provide a brighter Christmas for families in need during the holidays. A love offering at intermission will benefit the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's community outreach initiatives benefiting students, adults and children with special needs, at-risk youth and wounded warriors with visible and invisible injuries in Okaloosa and Walton counties.

For more information, call 850-650-2226 or visit MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org. - Zandra Wolfgram



This holiday season, treat your favorite musician to a tasty cocktail!

PETS OF THE ISSUE Hoss the Cat Boss and Chief the Mini-Panther

Hoss and Chief (@hoss_and_chief on Instagram and Hoss and Chief on Catstagram, which is actually a thing) are littermates, best friends and studio assistants to local watercolor artist Melanie Moore, who also serves at education director for the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation. The cats' full names are Hoss Beauregard, Esq. and Chief Midnight Blackfeather.



"Whisker Wednesday is all about balance," says Hoss.



Chief: "The Official Taste Tester has set up residence."



"This will do," Hoss and Chief say after their first day in their forever (furever?) home.



Brochachos in windows.

The Other Mr. Claus Returns to LuLu's Dec. 10

Enjoy a memorable family holiday experience at *LuLu's 3rd Annual Billy Claus and the LuLuBelles* FREE event Sunday, **Dec. 10**, at noon.

Billy Claus is Santa's warm weatherloving brother who lives in the Caribbean, but comes this way to help Santa during the holiday season. The LuLuBelles are Billy's version of Santa's elves.

Billy will visit with the children to hear their wish lists, and he will pass them on to Santa. Billy and the LuLuBelles will be available for photos with the kids, too.

In addition to arts and crafts activities, Lucy Buffett will drop in for a reading of her children's book, *Billy Claus and the Spirit of Christmas*.

LuLu's is located in Destin at the foot of the Mid Bay Bridge, next to Legendary Marina. For more information on Billy Claus and the upcoming Noon Year's Eve event, visit **lulubuffett.com/destin** or call 850-710-5858 (LULU).

- Kay Phelan

RIGHT: Santa's fun brother Billy Claus returns to LuLu's in Destin Dec. 10, with the LuLuBelles in tow. Beats Billy Bob Thornton, doesn't it?



All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Dec. 14-Jan. 10, 2018 events (note four-week duration) by 5 p.m. Thursday, **Dec. 7,** or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30-MONDAY, DEC. 25

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, Miramar Beach
Trees from a dozen Beachcomberland
nonprofits on display in Grand Park through
Christmas Day for the public to enjoy. This
year's participating organizations are Boys &
Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast, Children's
Volunteer Health Network, Inc., Emerald
Coast Children's Advocacy Center, Emerald
Coast Theatre Company, Fisher House of
the Emerald Coast, Friends of South Walton
Sea Turtles, HEART Animal Rescue, Shelter
House, The ARC of the Emerald Coast,
Children in Crisis, The ARC of Walton County
and The Sonder Project.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30-SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 2018

BAYTOWNE ON ICE

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin **BaytowneWharf.com**

Dust off your skates, get in the winter spirit, and head on out to Baytowne's wildly popular ice rink.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

THE ROAST OF DAN EMPSON, A 30TH BIRTHDAY BASH KICKOFF

Harry T's Lighthouse, HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6-9:30 p.m.

850-585-5451

Local celebs toast and roast the Harry T's

proprietor in true Friars Club fashion. Seating is limited—call the number above to reserve your spot. This hilarious—and uncensored—event benefits the **Destin History & Fishing Museum.**

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

ICE SKATING EXTRAVAGANZA WEEKEND

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

BaytowneWharf.com

Enjoy two performances from U.S. National Pairs Medalists **Jennifer Don** and **Themi Leftheirs.** They will also offer \$25 group mini skating classes Friday (3:30 and 4 p.m.) and Saturday (9:30 and 10 a.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

CRAFTS AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Fort Walton Beach Recreation Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

850-833-9586

Shop for a variety of handmade items and unique collectibles, and enjoy concessions and baked goods. The rec center is located at 132 Jet Drive in Fort Walton Beach.

"A DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY"

Fort Walton Beach Landing Park, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. events.downtownfwb@gmail.com

A fun day of holiday shopping, live entertainment and kids' activities, topped off by the city's annual tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

PARADE OF ELVES AND TOY DRIVE

Seascape Town Centre, Miramar Beach, 2-5 p.m. **ECCAC.org**



preventing child abuse oprotecting children orestoring lives

One Organization, Two Locations Niceville and Pierce Family Center-Defuniak Springs

Dress the kids in their best-looking elf costumes and join the parade. The fun also includes face painting, food and drink specials, live entertainment and visits with Santa. Prizes for the best-dressed elves. Cost to enter the costume contest is \$5 or a new toy donation. Proceeds benefit the **Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center.** For more info, call Chelsea at 850-833-9237 or email **Chelsea@eccac.org.**

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 a.m.

www.SeasideFL.com

VISIT WITH SANTA

HarborWalk Village, Destin, Noon-4 p.m. **EmeraldGrande.com**

Kids, bring your wish lists and visit with The Claus. All of Santa's guests receive a special treat.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

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EmeraldGrande.com

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MONDAY, DEC. 4

FORT WALTON BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE

Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 6:30-9:30 p.m. The parade starts at the southern end of Eglin and rolls down to K-Mart. Yes, FoWal still has a K-Mart.

TAI CHI

Destin Library, 9 a.m.

taichiforarthritis.com

One-hour class with certified instructor **Barbara Rezmer.** Cost is \$5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

KIDS YOGA FOR ALL AGES

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10:30-11:30 a.m. 850-267-2809



Events

Join **Galina Wells** for a fun yoga class. FREE—no registration required.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

12 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

BaytowneWharf.com

A sparkling and festive light show on the Village tree.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

12 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

BaytowneWharf.com

A sparkling and festive light show on the Village tree.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, 8, 9 and 10 a.m.

850-424-0622

A festive holiday breakfast for children of all ages. Cost is \$15 for kids, \$16 for adults. Reservations required—call the number above.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside 8 a m

www.SeasideFL.com

THIRD ANNUAL SIP N SHOP WINTER MARKET

Arnett's Gulfside Farm & Stables, Santa Rosa Beach, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

ArnettFarm30a.com

Bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and receive a free glass of wine. Over 40 artists, crafters and small businesses offer goods for sale. Plus—face painting and ornament decorating for the kids. FREE.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL DESTIN CHRISTMAS PARADE

10 a.m.-Noon

CityofDestin.com

The parade starts in the Old Time Pottery parking lot and cruises west along U.S. 98.

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YULE OF YESTERYEAR - A TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Heritage-Museum.org

FREE admission to the museum all day, with performances from local choirs, the Walton Guard Civil War re-enactors, kids' activities, photos with Santa, bake sale and more.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, 8, 9 and 10 a.m.

850-424-0622

A festive holiday breakfast for children of

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928

Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Sunday services—beach service at Henderson State Park, Destin, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); beach service on the Destin Harbor at Brotula's, 9:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); XALT at Destin Life Center, 200 Beach Drive, Destin, 9:30 a.m., Traditions at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary; sunset beach service at Henderson State Park, 4 p.m. (bring your own chair), 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN

Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10, a.m. and Wednesdays

at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 a.m. 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org.**

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

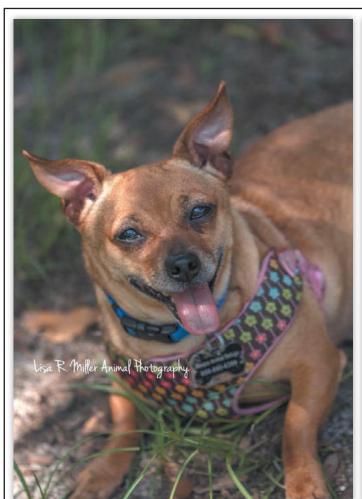
SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or **www.shorelinechurch.net.**

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.





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Events

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HOLIDAY ON THE HARBOR BOAT PARADE Destin Harbor, 6 p.m.

The Destin History & Fishing Museum's 31stannual event. Stick around for fireworks and a fire spinning performance by Just Add Fire on the HarborWalk Village stage. To participate in the boat parade, email Kathy Marler Blue at kathydestinhistory@ gmail.com or call 850-837-6611.

VISIT WITH SANTA

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MONDAY, DEC. 11

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Destin Library, 9 a.m. taichiforarthritis.com

One-hour class with certified instructor Barbara Rezmer. Cost is \$5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

12 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

BaytowneWharf.com

A sparkling and festive light show on the Village tree.



Children in Crisis president and CEO Ken Hair receives over 50 Thanksgiving goodie bags for the CIC Neighborhood's at-risk children from donor Ana Vela. Also pictured— CIC office manager Shaina Mathis. Learn more at childrenincrisisfl.org.









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Meet Fort Walton Beach's Police Chief

By Samantha Lambert

"Fort Walton Beach is one of the friendliest communities I have ever been in. People really appreciate what the military, the police, and first responders do here." Grateful words spoken by Fort Walton Beach Police Chief **Ed Ryan** about the city that became his home a little over a year ago.

Chief Ryan was sworn in as Fort Walton Beach's Police Chief on July 5, 2016. "I knew as young as 12 or 13 that I wanted to be a police officer," he says. "I grew up in Norfolk, Virginia, and my Dad worked with Norfolk police officers, so I was around them a lot. I always saw them as role models."

Chief Ryan started his career as a police officer in 1984 in Norfolk, a city of over 246,000 people. He started out as a street officer in a rough area of Norfolk called Ocean View and spent five years on that beat there. "That was eyeopening." he notes.

He then spent time as a captain and commanding officer of the detective division and the personnel liaison/ training divisions. Chief Ryan became the assistant police chief in Norfolk in December of 2010. He earned degrees in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University while on the job.

In late 2014, he began looking for a job as a police chief and saw that Fort Walton Beach was advertising for a new one. He went through the interview process and made it to the top five. "I had never heard of Fort Walton Beach," Chief Ryan says. "I brought my wife Joyce down for my interview, and we drove around the area. We really liked the community and thought it would be a nice fit for us."

The list was then shortened candidates three including Chief Ryan. Fort Walton Beach City Manager Michael Beedie and Human Resources Director Tarey Franxman went to Norfolk to observe Chief Ryan in the workplace. After that, they offered him the job. Chief Ryan retired from the Norfolk Police Department in June 2016 and arrived in Fort Walton Beach a month later.

Chief Ryan cannot say enough good things about Fort Walton

Beach's police officers. "We have good, professional officers. They do a remarkable job everyday." He has urged his officers to be community-oriented, to get out of their cars and make contact with people. There is a lot of community outreach as well.

"We do 'High-Five Fridays' at Edwins, Elliot Point, and Kenwood Elementary Schools. We are out there when the kids are being dropped off. We give them high-fives as they are coming in and tell them to have a nice day. The kids and the teachers love it," Chief Ryan says. The police department also participates in the Aspire program at Edwins and Elliot Point—it's an after school program in which officers and police department staff help students with homework and reading.

Fort Walton Beach PD Sergeant Candy Galindo looks for ways to assist the homeless in the city. She collects blankets and partners with local churches to help them. "The homeless population here is not aggressive for the most part. Most of them follow the rules," Chief Ryan says.

As for the drug problem in the city, Chief Ryan notes that the department has a three-officer street crime unit to combat the problem. Twenty-eight Fort Walton Beach PD officers have been through crisis intervention training and know how to respond to both drug and mental health crisis situations. Officers are also issued Narcan to treat drug overdoses in emergency situations.

"I would like to see a central recovery center in Okaloosa County for substance abuse and mental health issues," the chief says.

"There would be services there to help people when they are brought in by police officers."

He adds, "We are presently cultivating a group of young police officers and giving them the tools and skills they need to do their job. They are the next generation of leaders."

The father of two daughters and grandfather of three feels thankful that he gets to do this job and that the city of Fort Walton Beach had enough faith in him to hire him. "There are always positive things going on," he says.



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EDUCATIONAL

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FARMERS MARKETS

30A FARMERS MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. www.regattabay.com.

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and

electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Gravton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

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offers a wide variety of natural resources, including 3.2 miles of public beach access with majestic dunes over 25 feet tall. Our 1,600 acre preserve includes rare coastal dune lakes, oldgrowth long leaf pines and sand pine scrub, and a variety of wetlands offer a bird watching and hiking paradise. Visitors may bike, walk,or enjoy a quick ride to the beach on our timely tram service to swim, fish, sunbathe or beachcomb. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. A park store offers a variety of camping items, as well as souvenirs and bike, kayak, canoe and SUP rentals. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. Gregory E. Moore RV resort features a (nonheated) swimming pool and shuffleboard courts. Furnished bungalows are available for weekly stays. 7525 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-8330. www.floridastateparks. org/topsailhill.

TUMBLING, ETC.

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Books

Recommended Reading

John Mauceri

Maestros and Their Music – The Art and Alchemy of Conducting Alfred A. Knopf

American conductor, professor and writer Mauceri studied and giants apprenticed under like Stokowski and Bernstein, and has conducted orchestras all over the world. In Maestros and Their Music, Mauceri doffs the white tie and tails and conducts a fascinating, carefully explained and entertaining tour of the "wizardry" of his profession. It's far from an exact science, he says, though the apprentice system harks back to the mediaeval craft guilds. The rigors and loneliness of touring, orchestra politics, score analysis, the sweet science of recording, and a little G-rated celebrity gossip are just some of the highlights of this book.

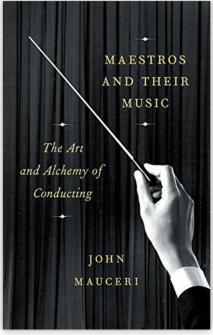
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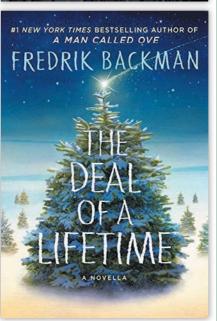


The Deal of a Lifetime

This Christmas novella from bestselling author Backman is a poignant story reminiscent of *A Christmas Carol*. Told from the perspective of a successful businessman with a rare form of cancer looking back on his life and choices, the message I took away was that time is the most valuable currency we have. Beautiful color illustrations are sprinkled throughout the pages of this book, which is available at the Destin Library.

- Marilu Morgan





Upcoming Books

DEC. 5

Richard Avedon and James Baldwin, *Nothing Personal*

Bobby Flay and Stephanie Banyas, Bobby Flay Fit: 200 Recipes for a Healthy Lifestyle James S.A. Corey, Persepolis Rising (The Expanse) Michael Greger, M.D. and Gene Stone, The How Not to Die Cookbook: 100+ Recipes to Help

Prevent and Reverse Disease Vashti Harrison, Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History

Melissa Hartwig, The Whole30 Fast & Easy Cookbook: 150 Simply Delicious Everyday Recipes for Your Whole30

Nora Roberts, Year One: Chronicles of the One, Book 1

James Rollins, The Demon Crown: A Sigma Force Novel

Rick Steves Ireland 2018

The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2018.Paperback.

DEC. 10

Sloane Crosley and Greg Larson, Sad Stuff on the Street

DEC. 12

Jim Davis, Garfield Feeds His Face: His 64th Book. Paperback.

Colette Heimowitz, Atkins: Eat Right, Not Less: Your Guidebook for Living a Low-Carb and Low-Sugar Lifestyle

Suzanne Ryan, Simply Keto: A Practical Approach to Health & Weight Loss, with 100+ Easy Low-Carb Recipes. Paperback.

Tasty Latest and Greatest: Everything You Want to Cook Right Now

Sources: amazon.com, netgalley.com

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OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

DEC. 1

The Disaster Artist. James Franco as the infamous filmmaker Tommy Wiseau (The Room, supposedly the worst movie of all time). Mr. Franco also directed.

Loveless. Aleksey Fateev, Aleksey Rozin, Andris Keiss, Daria Pisareva.

The Other Side of Hope. Sherwan Haji, Sakari Kuosmanen.

The Shape of Water. Sally Hawkins, Octavia Spencer. Directed by Guillermo del Toro.

DEC. 8

I, Tonya. Dramatization of the infamous figure skater Ms. Harding.

The Pirates of Somalia. Evan Peters, Al Pacino, Barkhad Abdi.

Source: www.metacritic.com

UPCOMING DVD/ **BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES**

DEC. 5

American Assassin. Dylan O'Brien as CIA badass Mitch Rapp. Based on the late Vince Flynn's novel. With Michael

Despicable Me 3. Third time's not a charm for the tired animated franchise.

Happy Hour. Four 30-something women who can tell each other anything... or can thev?

DEC. 12

All Saints. John Corbett as a pastor whose life is forever changed by a group of Southeast Asian refugees.

Detroit. Academy Award winning director Kathryn Bigelow's depiction of the civil unrest that rocked the motor city 50

Kingsman: The Golden Circle. Colin Firth, Channing Tatum, Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore... you'd think with that cast, it would at least be watchable.

Source: www.metacritic.com

STREAM ON

Alias Grace



Margaret Atwood is having a moment. Yet another one of her novels—this one written in the mid-'90s—has been brought to the tube, this time courtesy of Netflix. Unlike Atwood's futuristic story turned Emmywinning Hulu series The Handmaid's Tale, Netflix's six-part series is based on real events set in the 19th century. It's the tale of Grace Marks, a young household worker imprisoned for the murder of her boss, and the ensuing efforts to free her. This includes detailed interviews with an American psychiatrist who tries to figure out if Grace is the killer. Along the way, viewers get a glimpse of Grace's flashbacks, including barbaric psychiatric treatments and reenactments of the murder. All the while, we're compelled to ponder the age-old murder-mystery question, "Who dunnit?"

- Joni Williams

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

"THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL"

Destin Library, 2 p.m. 850-837-8572

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Love Triumphs in EC Theatre Company's "A Wrinkle in Time"

Time is precious. Spend yours with family and friends this holiday season by taking in a quality professional performance of the play **A Wrinkle in Time**, a sci-fi/fantasy classic tale of good versus evil and the triumph of love.

Emerald Coast Theatre Company (ECTC) stages the classic tale **Dec. 7-23** at its performance space located upstairs at 560 Grand Boulevard in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, located in Miramar Beach.

There are 11 performances. The show opens on Thursday, Dec. 7, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 23. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. There is an additional matinee on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Based on the acclaimed 1963 novel by Madeleine L'Engle, the play was adapted for the stage by John Glore. A Wrinkle in Time is an enthralling story that centers on one of literature's most enduring young heroines, Meg Murry. Meg joins forces with Mrs. Whatsit; her younger brother, Charles Wallace; her friend, Calvin O'Keefe; and more to battle the forces of evil so she can rescue her father, a gifted scientist, from the forces of evil that hold him prisoner on another planet. And maybe, just maybe, Meg can also save humanity and find herself.

A Wrinkle in Time is directed by Nathanael Fisher. The cast includes Teagan Faust of Crestview as Meg, Jen Fuller of Panama City as Charles Wallace, Jared Sellick of Panama City Beach as Calvin, Jason Hedden of Panama City Beach as Mrs. Whatsit/ Man with Red Eyes, Rachel Eilend-Hall of Panama City as Mrs. Murry, and Beachcomber Contributing Editor Bruce Collier as Mrs. Which/Mr. Murry.

Costumes are by Anna Fisher. Lighting design and technical direction is by Cory Tucker, and stage management is by Bridgett Bryant.

"A Wrinkle in Time is perfect for both adult and family audiences," says Mr. Fisher. "As a father of three girls, this story is meaningful because we have a female protagonist that faces her fears and overcomes them. In this world where we are fighting for equality, it is a timely story of empowerment."

ECTC is collaborating with The Public Eye, the animation/video production company based in Panama City, to incorporate special digital effects into the storytelling of the piece.

"We are thrilled to bring this piece of classic literature to life on stage in an incredible creative way," says Mr. Fisher.

Running time is 75 minutes. This production is appropriate for ages 5 and up (no lap children, please). Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$24 for seniors, and \$20 for children, and can be purchased



Teagan Faust in EC Theatre Company's A WRINKLE IN TIME.

online at EmeraldCoastTheatre.org, or by calling 850-684-0323.

Theater patrons are encouraged to come early (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) to browse artwork by local artists

showcased in the ECTC Lobby Gallery curated by Lori Drew, founder of Lowkylzart. A portion of proceeds from each sale benefits ECTC and its education outreach and scholarship programs.

- Zandra Wolfgram

"Noises Off!" Auditions Dec. 4 and 5 at Stage Crafters

production of the 2018 season, Noises Off!

The comedy is a "play within a play" that follows a group of bumbling actors beginning with their dress rehearsal of Nothing On. It's midnight and the cast is hopelessly unprepared. Baffled by entrances and exits, missed cues, and bothersome props, they drive their director to near hysteria.

Then we see a matinee performance a month later from backstage with romantic rivalries, lovers' tiffs, and personal quarrels leading to offstage shenanigans, onstage bedlam, and the occasional attack with a fire

Finally, we see a performance near the end of the 10week run. Relationships between the cast members have soured, the set is breaking down, and props are

Stage Crafters announces auditions for their first winding up on the floor and in the way. The actors remain determined to cover up the mounting chaos, but it is not long before the plot has to be abandoned

> Noises Off! pokes fun at theater and takes the audience on a hilarious ride, giving new meaning to "the show must go on."

> Auditions are **Dec. 4 and 5** at the Stage Crafters Rehearsal Hall, located at 40 Robinwood Drive in Fort Walton Beach. Check-in and script availability are at 6:30 p.m., with auditions beginning at 7. Performance dates are March 16-18 and 23-25.

> For additional information, contact directors Melissa Wolf-Bates (850-217-2903 or email melissa.wolf. bates@gmail.com) and Douglas Henderson (317-717-3191 or email douglasrhenderson@gmail.com).

Stage > Upcoming Shows

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

"FULLY COMMITTED"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 p.m.

LoveTheREP.com

Kevin Boyle's comedic tour de force. Tickets are \$30.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

"FULLY COMMITTED"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 p.m.

LoveTheREP.com

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

"FULLY COMMITTED"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 p.m.

LoveTheREP.com

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "A WRINKLE IN

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 p.m.

EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

Beachcomber's own Bruce Collier stars in this adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's celebrated 1963 novel. Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$24 for seniors, and \$20 for children. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

"FULLY COMMITTED"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 p.m.

LoveTheREP.com

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "A WRINKLE IN TIME" 560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

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	Moon	76%	Low 11:52am
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	Sunset	4:46pm	High 1:22am
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How to Make Holiday Decorations Using Greenery from Your Yard

By Marilu Morgan

I love the smell of fresh greenery in the house, especially around the holidays. Normally, I purchase a fresh wreath and swag to decorate with each holiday season, but this year I decided to get a little more creative (and thrifty) and make fresh holiday decorations using greenery from our yard. I made a rosemary swag and a magnolia wreath, and they were both so easy and fun to make.

ROSEMARY SWAG

During the Christmas season when I spend a lot of time in the kitchen, I love to hang a fresh swag holiday decoration on the window above my kitchen sink. I normally order a balsam or juniper swag, but this year I decided to use fresh rosemary from our garden instead. It only took about 10 minutes to cut the rosemary and assemble the swag, and it makes my kitchen smell so good.

STEP 1 - Gather Materials

- · Floral Wire
- Fishing Line
- Ribbon. I like to use the type with wire on the edges, but any kind is fine.
- Greenery. I use rosemary because that's what I had
 in the garden, but you can also use fir, spruce, pine,
 holly, or any other nice-looking greenery that has a
 drape to it.

STEP 2 - Wrap Greenery with Floral Wire

Bunch your greenery together wherever it looks most pleasing. I bunched mine about one quarter of the total length down from the clipped end. I also staggered the ends a little so that it looked more natural. Wherever you choose, wrap securely with floral wire. You can shape the ends to your liking at this point.

STEP 3 - Tie Fishing Line and Ribbon

Measure the area where you want to hang your swag. For me, this was from the hook above the window above my sink. Double this measurement and add a few inches. Cut this length in fishing line. Loop the fishing line through the floral wire bunch and knot the two ends of the fishing line securely, making a big fishing line loop.

Next, tie your ribbon into a pretty bow around the floral wire bunch and through the fishing line loop. I like to leave the ribbon ends loose. Your swag holiday decoration is ready to hang!

MAGNOLIA WREATH HOLIDAY DECORATION

Rather than spending \$50+ on a fresh magnolia leaf wreath this year, I spent an hour of my time and only \$11 on supplies that I can use year after year. Not only did I save money by making my own special holiday decoration, I get so much joy from seeing something beautiful I created hanging on my front door.

STEP 1 - Gather Materials

• Grapevine Wreath. I got a 14-inch wreath from Hobby Lobby (only \$3.99), but you can use whatever size looks best where you want to hang it. Remember, it will look about four inches larger across once you have the leaves on.





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- 80-120 Magnolia Leaves. Depending on the size of your wreath and your preference on fullness. I have two magnolias in my front yard, so I cut the ends off a few low-hanging branches. If you don't have a magnolia tree, look for trees around your neighborhood. One of my neighbors recently trimmed her tree and had branches and branches of leaves by the road waiting for trash pickup.
- Ribbon
- Floral Wire
- Hot Glue
- Scissors

STEP 2 - Cut Magnolia Leaves

Cut each leaf off of the branch, leaving the leaf stems long. While you cut, be thinking about what sizes you have and which leaves look nice together. Toss any curled or diseased leaves or any leaves with bugs on them (I had a few with spiderwebs). Your hands will smell amazing when you finish this step.

STEP 3 - Group Leaves with Floral Wire

Gather magnolia leaves into groups of four to five leaves with larger leaves in the back and smaller leaves in the front. Fan them out a bit so the leaves aren't totally overlapping each other. Tie the stems tightly with floral wire, leaving several inches of floral wire loose on either side of the group. Leave 10-15 leaves loose to use later.

STEP 4 - Wrap Leaf Groups Around Wreath

Wrap the floral wire from your magnolia leaf groups around the grapevine wreath. To attach the groups securely, weave the floral wire through the grapevine and tie the floral wire together tightly on the back of the wreath. Continue securing the leaf groups around the wreath such that each new group hides the wire of the previous group.

When possible, I tucked the leaf stems underneath the grapevine loops to give it a more natural look.

STEP 5 - Fill Out with Loose Leaves

Take a look at your wreath and notice any bald-looking areas and any areas where floral wire is visible, especially around the interior of the wreath. Using hot glue, adhere your loose leaves in an overlapping pattern consistent with the rest of your wreath.

For me, the most effective way to glue the leaves in a way that looked natural was by putting hot glue on the stem of each leaf and then fanning out as pictured below. This pattern secured the leaf to the wreath but left the major portion of the leaf to overlap naturally with the other leaves.

STEP 6 - Decide Which Way Is Up

Look at your wreath from several different angles and decide which way you'd like to hang it. One side of my wreath was naturally fuller than the other, so I decided this would be the bottom. You may decide to fill out some more areas of the wreath at this point.

STEP 7 - Add a Bow and Hang Your Wreath

Tie a pretty bow and hot glue it in place. Hang your wreath on your front door and enjoy!

Celebrating Community This Holiday Season

By Nikki Hedrick

Holidays take all these shapes, dotted with family traditions and plates full of food. The underlying message is about taking time for loved ones.

Before I became enveloped in the music scene, my circle was small. There were a handful of people that I knew would act in my best interest, a handful of people that I could ask for help. Now, it's my honor to know so many wonderful people—to watch high schoolers brave an open mic to perform, to watch ARC of Walton County in action, and to be able to produce a benefit for my friend Eddy Key.

I have watched this community, our community, come together time and again to support each other. Together we've helped people get transplants, created temporary housing for the homeless, raised funds when tragedy uproots families, and assisted in covering medical costs. We have accomplished those things, spreading joy, hope and a helping hand all year long.

Finding my home in the music community means I have cried tears of joy, laughed until my face hurt, and grieved deeply. It is my honor to call you all family. It is my honor to do my best to stand by your side and watch as we come together time and again.

It is easy to look at the big bad world sometimes, to read through headlines and scratch your head and feel overwhelmed by the vastness of it all.

I am lucky that I've found my tribe, my extended family that helps light up the world a bit. I get to see so many people fight the good fight, whether it's singing a single song on a restaurant's deck or donating energies to help out a friend.

I am a better person for knowing you, all of you scratching at your dreams and ready to help other members of the music community you might barely know in passing. Thank you for letting me be a small part of your community.

And thank you for always reminding me of the good that is possible.



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One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is "How can we be sure we're getting fresh seafood?"

That's an excellent question. There is a good chance that the seafood you will be offered traveled farther than you did. In the state of Florida, even though we are surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as "fresh" and imported seafood is sold as "local." According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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Tilapia/pig feces: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-10-11/asian-seafood-raised-on-pig-feces-approved-for-u-s-consumers.html

Food + Beverage > Just the Liquor Talking

Beaujolais: France's Friendliest Red

By Bruce Collier

It's the season of feasting, and people are looking for wines to drink with those epic Yuletide meals. Champagne is festive, though it will never be my favorite wine. It doesn't always go with food, and the French stuff is costly. If you don't want fizzy, and feel overwhelmed by the whole wine/food pairing game, there's a modestly priced alternative the French would love to sell you. It tastes good, it goes with many kinds of food, and it's easy to pronounce.

Meet Beaujolais (BO-ZHA-LAY). government administration purposes it's a part of the Burgundy (Bourgogne) region of France. Wines of Burgundy are some of the most respected (and sought after) vintages in the world. The principal red wine grape of Burgundy is the pinot noir.

By contrast Beaujolais, a 35-mile long, nine-mile wide strip of land, is planted pretty much entirely with gamay noir (gamay for short), itself the progeny of pinot noir and gouais blanc. The soil of Beaujolais also differs substantially from that of Burgundy. They also make the wine differently. Conclusion—it's Beaujolais, not Burgundy.

Gamay is most often described as "fruity," and that translates into the scent, taste and soul of the Beaujolais wines. The character also comes from the fermentation process, called carbonic maceration. Clusters of grapes are thrown into fermentation vats. The grapes on top crush the juice out of the ones on the bottom.

That juice ferments—thanks to yeasts on the grape skins—releasing carbon dioxide gas. That blankets the grapes on top, pressuring them to explode and ferment as well. The already fruity quality of the gamay is enhanced by all this organic chemistry, producing intense fruit, floral and spice flavors. The wine is also ready to drink without long periods of aging, though the best Beaujolais does well with a few years of aging.

There are three types of Beaujolais standard, Beaujolais-Villages, and Beaujolais Cru. "Cru" means "village" here, though in other parts of France it can also mean "vineyard."

Beaujolais Cru, which are aged, are most highly regarded, and come from 10 villages in the northern part of Beaujolais—St. Amour, Julienas, Chenas, Moulin-a-Vent, Fleurie, Chiroubles, Morgon, Regnie, Brouilly, and Cote de Brouilly. You will not always see the word "Beaujolais" on their labels

I bought and tasted six kinds of Beaujolais-Villages. Beaujolais—a four Beaujolais Crus, and a Beaujolais Nouveau. The latter is "new" wine, only weeks old, released once a year on November 16. Some were bought locally, some out of town. All are 13-percent alcohol by volume, and prices ranged from \$9.99 to \$19.99.

Beaujolais-Villages Louis Jadot **2015** (\$10.49). Louis Jadot produces a variety of wines. This one was thin in body, with a taste of strawberries, a buttery mouth-feel, and a quick finish, with little tannic "pucker."

Domaine Pardon Cuvee Hugo Fleurie 2015 (\$19.99). Dark red, with a purplish edge, a floral and herbal nose, lots of fruit, juicy and refreshing. There's no pucker, just luscious, velvety cherry and cranberry flavors. The longer it aired in the glass, the more fragrant it became. A good choice for holiday meals-with light or dark meat, dressings and rich side dishes.

2013 (\$16.99). The oldest Beaujolais I tried. The nose is cherry, then raspberry, with some mustiness. The first taste was sour cherry, then fresh black plum peel. The finish is thin, not long, with more of a pucker. It's light in body, like fresh-squeezed

Domaine des Maisons Neuves Cote de Brouilly L'Ecluse 2016 (\$14.99). Bluish red color. There's a touch of wood and flowers on the nose, followed by currant jelly. Body is fuller, almost chewy. The taste is tart black plums, blueberries, raspberries, pie cherries, a slightly tannic pucker, and a jammy finish. The wine had more power, though it was no higher in alcohol than the others. Grapes were grown on the slopes of an extinct volcano.

Pardon & Fils Julienas 2015 Les Mouilles (\$16.99). Dark in color, blue-red. There's a little spice and







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fruit, like holiday conserve or currant nose is floral, rose, violet. The taste sauce, on the nose, which continues in the taste. Medium body, more subtle than the others.

Georges Beauiolais Duboeuf Nouveau 2017 (\$9.99). Just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas every year, the Nouveau is said to "age on the boat," and any restaurant with even a hint of Frenchness pours and serves Nouveau by the carafe. The is fresh strawberries, pie cherries, cranberry juice cocktail, with a tangerine finish. Less flavorful than the others, but it's young and you can drink it over ice if you feel like it.

Roast turkey, ham, chicken, salmon, and fish pair just fine with Beaujolais. At prices this low, you can get it by the case. This season, learn to love



Whole Foods Has Us Feeling "Hopful" for the Holidays

By Joni Williams

So far, we're loving the changes brought about by Amazon's recent purchase of Whole Foods. And it's mainly because so far only the prices have changed. They're lower, as promised, but everything else you know and love about Whole Foods has pretty much stayed the same—the high quality and interesting selection of fresh groceries and yummy offerings of prepared hot and cold foods are still there.

At the Destin Whole Foods, this includes what is probably the best beer selection of any chain grocery store in the local area. For starters, Whole Foods has managed to magically pack a mind-blowing number of cans, bottles, singles, sixers and special holiday value packs in a not-so-big portion of the store's rear aisle. They even have a tap station tucked away in a nearby corner where you can get hooked up with a growler.

Still, it wasn't the mass quantities of brews in this hoppy winter wonderland that impressed us. It's the quality. These are all primo brews. And we love that a good number of them are pretty daring choices. Sure, they play it safe, too, offering a number of tried-and-true brews as well as the everyday classics from AB, Miller and Coors. But we found so many hard-to-find brewers that were so interesting,

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so tempting, and so affordable we couldn't resist picking up a few.

The first to make it into our shopping cart was the chocolate peanut butter porter **Sweet Baby Jesus.** We couldn't decide if this was the most appropriate name ever, what with Christmas just around the corner, or if it was just plain craziness. A beer—based on a popular but run-of-the mill candy, no less—named after America's most revered religious figure? Who does that?

Duclaw, that's who. And it's surprisingly good. There's a roasted earthiness to this deep, dark, almostblack beer that balances out its sweetness. As expected, there's plenty of rich cocoa and even some coffee flavor as well as the smooth, subtle undercurrent of peanuttiness. The aroma of this combo may be even more delicious than the taste, so be sure to give it a whiff before you sip.

Another surprise was New Belgium's **Glutiny Pale Ale.** In short, it didn't suck. We'd even go so far as to say it's probably the best reduced-gluten (in this case, "gluten removed") beer we've tried to date. Not that we've tried a lot, mind you. Still, it was definitely hoppy and malty just like a real beer should be. It even had a decent, buzz-catching 6 percent ABV.

It may also have some gluten, as the brewer makes it perfectly clear they can't guarantee 100 percent of it has been removed from every bottle. If you have been banned from gluten for medical reasons, keep that in mind. It does, however, comply with FDA guidelines requiring 20 parts per million or less.

Little did we know, we were in for another surprise. Happy to find a pumpkin ale, we picked up New Belgium's **Voo Doo 8 Hop Pale Ale.** Only it's not a pumpkin ale. We had it confused with another in the Voo Doo series, the Atomic Pumpkin Ale, which has a similar looking bottle. We should have taken the time to read the label, but that's beside the point.

Anyhoo, we were expecting a big fat hit of spiciness on our tongues. What we got instead was a perfectly tame splash of mellow hops and light



fruitiness. Not to say this is a bad beer by any means, it's just that we were looking for some adventure in a bottle. What we got was more predictable, but that might be exactly what some folks are looking for.

One predictable beer we never turn down is **Sierra Nevada's** pale ale, one of the four different kinds of beer in this year's "Snow Pack" that Whole Foods is selling for \$17.99. Yes, a dozen craft brews for under 20 bucks. See what we mean about the new pricing?

For the same price, you can pick up a 12-pack by New Belgium that's a

mix of established classics and daring newbs. If neither of those tickles your fancy, they have an assortment of quality craft brew sixers starting at around \$10.99. If you want a holiday gift that's sure to please the hard-toplease hophead on your list, look no further.

And if that hophead happens to be you and you're also hungry, you can pick up one of those exquisite six-packs along with a large baked-to-order premium pizza for a quick dinner or Netflix date night, all for under 30 bucks. Do it while you knock out your weekly shopping list. It's one-stop shopping at it's finest.

Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at **chris@beachcomberdestin.com!**

AMERICAN

CALLAHAN'S A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, \$3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. www.callahansdestin. com. www.facebook.com/callahansdestin.

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CONTEMPORARY

BUD & ALLEY'S This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. Redd the Singing Bartender sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more

are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit **www.reddsfuel.com** and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. **www.theredbar.com.**

VIN'TIJ Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. \$5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

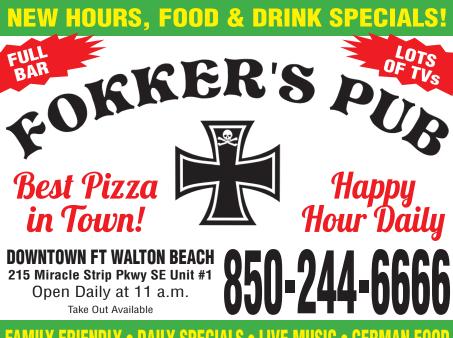
GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airv vet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a..-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatalysbeach. net.

IRISH

JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between,







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the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West Santa Rosa Beach 850-267-0101. www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com.

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni's latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 p.m. 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY FRIDAY NIGHT PASTA Open to the public, 5-7 p.m. Spaghetti with meatballs, sausage or meatless. Weekly specials and takeouts available. All dinners complete with salad and garlic bread. Hall rental available. Major credit cards accepted. Located at 808 South Drive in Fort Walton Beach, right off Racetrack Road behind Big Lots.

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. www.CrabIslandCantina.com.

LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, lacocina30a.net.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar, \$15-25, 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin. 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

PIZZA & PASTA

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. www.LandsharksPizza.com.

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

REDBRICK PIZZA Fresh fire-roasted pizzas, fhazani sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato Ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

SEAFOOD

THE BACK PORCH Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East, Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you'll find us on the right side. www.theback-porch.com. 850-837-2022.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE **RESTAURANT** The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 a.m. 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 a.m. 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature



Prohibition Wine Dinner to Benefit Children's Advocacy Center



Restaurant Paradis is proud to present their *Third Annual Prohibition Repeal Wine Dinner.* The **Dec. 9** party has a Prohibition Era theme, with proceeds benefitting the **Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center.**

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., guests are invited to delight in vintage cocktails and wines from the Copper Cane Wines & Provisions collection. In keeping with the night's theme, the dress code is 1930s attire. In addition to a four-course wine pairing and a four-course dinner provided by Chef Mark Eichin and his talented culinary team, guests can commemorate the evening with Epic Photo Co.'s photo booth.

Chef Eichin's pairing menu will include:

- Belle Glos Rose of Pinot Noir '16, Sonoma, with *lapin roti a la nicoise r*abbit nicoise, seared rabbit leg braised with wine, crusted tomato, garlic onion olive, and roasted fingerlings.
- Quilt Chardonnay '15, Napa Valley, with Cornish game hen potpie, lima beans, carrots peas, celery, and potatoes.
- Belle Glos "Clark and Telephone" Pinot Noir '15, Santa Maria Valley with braised bone in short rib pot roast style, roasted root veg, new potatoes butter parsley puree, and pinot noir reduction.
- Quilt Cabernet Sauvignon '15, Napa Valley with hazelnut encrusted black berry tarte, dark chocolate sauce and Nutella gelato.

Twenty percent of all proceeds from the event will benefit the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center.

Tickets are \$125 per person and are available by calling 850-534-0400 or emailing **paradisinformation@gmail.com.** Credit card is required to reserve, but will not be charged unless the party does not show up. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required, or the credit card on file will be charged 50 percent of the cost of the tickets.

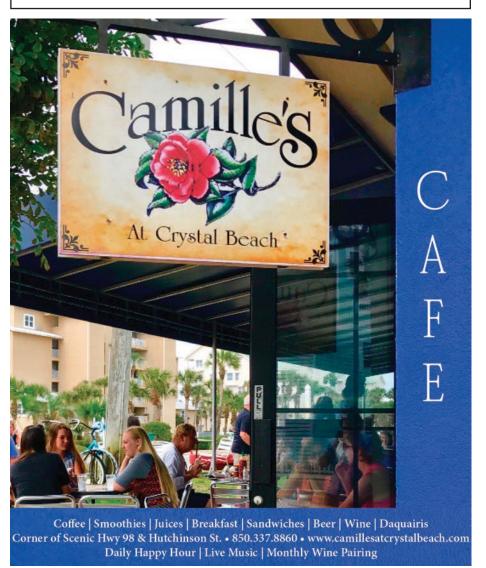
- Jessica Proffitt Bracken

Thankful...



Beachcomber Publisher (among other things) Charles Morgan (left) with just two of the 1,700-plus folks who recently enjoyed a FREE Thanksgiving dinner at Harbor Docks in Destin. Donations from the annual feast went to Habitat for Humanity and Destin Harvest.

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sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. harbordocks.com.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.co.

LOCAL CATCH has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. **www.localcatch30a.com.**

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE'S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you'll find us on the left side. **www.pompano-joes.com**. 850-837-2224.

SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with exotic fish. Become mesmerized by the soothing sounds of **Michael Rorah**, our singing pianist, who plays Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Lobsters available for viewing and choosing at the front of the restaurant. Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, **saltwatergrillpcb.com.**

STINKY'S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters "all ways," crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beer, wine and live music at Stinky's Bait Shack from 6 to 9 p.m. 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

STEAKS

MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB OF DESTIN One of America's Great Steak Houses. Feasting, Imbibery and Debauchery. We are known for great food, exceptional service, our own craft brewed beers, and fun live entertainment. Open LATE, from 11 a.m. to 1:45 a.m. seven days a week. 33 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-650-0000, www.mcguiresirishpub.com.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 p.m. in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 p.m. For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit **www.RuthsChrisDestin.com.**

SALTWATER GRILL Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, **saltwatergrillpcb.com**.

SUSHI

JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30'04.250N and 87'02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. www.jackacudas.com.

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SUSHI BAR 34745 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-4688.

VKI JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE, SUSHI BAR & HIBACHI Serving authentic Japanese cuisine. Come in and enjoy fresh seafood, chicken, pork and beef cooked to suit most tastes. We offer Hibachi, Teriyaki, Tempura, Katsu, Japanese noodles and fresh Sushi. Beer, wine and sake. Happy hour, 4:40-6:30 p.m. Open seven days a week—lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; dinner, 4:30-9:30 p.m. 4552 U.S. 98 Suite 1 & 2, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2555. Gift certificates available.

TAPAS AND WINE

LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, lacrematapas.com.



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FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL — OKALOOSA ISLAND Find out why Fudpucker's is #1 for Food and Fun. Fud's has offered great food, live alligators and world famous t-shirts since 1982, and our waterfront location across from the Ramada Plaza has it all—Fat Daddy's Arcade, Escape Zone 60, Maximum Magic Dinner Show and Fudpucker's Watersports where you can rent a jet ski, paddleboard or pontoon boat. You'll also find charter boats, the "Puc Dat" airboat and the Cattywampus Catamaran on our docks at Bayside Marina. 1318 Miracle Strip Parkway. Call 850-243-3833 or visit us at www.fudpucker.com.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE

From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it's a state of mind. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Five O'Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 p.m. 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. www.margaritavilledestin.com.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S DESTIN is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on the Choctawhatchee Bay in beautiful Destin, Florida. A little off the beaten path, but we like a little more room to breathe. Specializing in the BEST Burgers in Paradise, Southern Favorites and Lucy's own GUMBO LOVE! Family friendly! Come by boat, anchor and wade in or call for our boat shuttle. Open daily at 11 a.m. Live music nightly. Separate allergy menu. Beach for the kids to play, Fountain of Youth, LuLu's Gift Shop. 850-710-LULU (5858). **www.lulubuffett.com/destin.**

VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named "Best Restaurant of 2014" by *The Beachcomber*, Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; happy hour Tue.-Sat., 3-6 p.m.; dinner Tue.-Sat., 4:30-8:30 p.m. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 4:30-6 p.m. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. **www.Vueon30a.com.**

WINE BARS

45 CENTRAL WINE BAR Tucked away in Seaside's bustling Central Square, 45 Central offers a calm and relaxing atmosphere perfect for unwinding after a busy vacation day or a long day at work. Over 45 different wines available by the glass, bottle or case. Exclusive vintages sold by the glass using Coravin Wine Technology. Small plates of seasonal and regional pairings created daily by award-winning chef and owner **Jim Shirley**. Brunch daily, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Check us out online for wine classes, events and specials at **fortyfivecentral.com**. 45 Central Square, Seaside, 850-231-4545. Open 2 p.m.-midnight seven days a week.

Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

If your bar isn't listed here, you need to email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com** immediately!

THE BEACH HOUSE

4009 S. Sandestin Blvd. Miramar Beach 850-608-6300

RelaxDrinkEat.com When: 4-7 p.m. daily.

Drink Specials: \$4 house wine, \$3 well drinks, \$2 off select apps, and \$1 off all draft beers

CAMILLE'S AT CRYSTAL BEACH

2931 Scenic Highway 98

Destin

850-337-8860

When: 3-5 p.m. daily.

Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille's Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA

HarborWalk Village

Destin

850-424-7417

When: Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m. Drink Specials: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 well drinks and house wine, \$3 Corona, Corona Light, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

FISHHEADS

HarborWalk Village

When: 6-8 p.m. daily.

Drink Specials: \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER'S PUB

215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1 Fort Walton Beach 850-244-6666

When: 3-7 p.m. daily; 3 p.m.-close Tuesdays. **Drink Specials:** Everything half price except Bushwhackers and high end bourbons.

45 CENTRAL WINE BAR

45 Central Square Seaside

850-231-4545

fortyfivecentral.com

When: 4-6 p.m. daily. Paella nights Wednesdays and Fridays.

Drink Specials: Half off wine by the glass, \$1 off beer.

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL

20001 Emerald Coast Parkway Destin

850-654-4200

When: All day long.

Drink Specials: Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL

1318 Miracle Strip Parkway

Okaloosa Island

When: All day long.

Drink Specials: Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.



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GRANDE VISTA

Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin 850-337-8100, ext. 1550

When: 4-6 p.m. daily.

Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S

HarborWalk Village Destin

850-654-4800

When: Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.—downstairs bar only.

Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

HOG'S BREATH SALOON

541 Harbor Blvd.

Destin 850-837-5991

When: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and 10 p.m. to close,

Mon.-Fri

Drink Specials: Half off wells and calls, \$1 Bud Light draft, \$1 off domestic beer and wines.

JACKACUDAS

HarborWalk Village Destin

850-424-3507

When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 p.m.-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.

Drink Specials: Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE

HarborWalk Village

Destin

850-460-7700

When: Monday-Friday, 10 p.m.-close. Drink Specials: \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 "Who's to Blame" margaritas and "5 O'Clock Somewhere" cocktails.

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA

300 Harbor Blvd. Destin 850-424-6743 When: 3-6 p.m. daily.

Drink Specials: \$1 off well drinks, \$2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, \$4 wine.

LA PAZ

950 Gulf Shore Drive Destin

850-837-2247 **When:** 4-6 p.m. daily.

Drink Specials: \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S

4607 Legendary Marina Drive

Destin

850-710-LULU (5858)

When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.
Drink Specials: \$2 select drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3 glass house wines, \$4 rocks house
Margaritas, \$6 frozen house Margaritas and
Daiquiris.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE

15000 Emerald Coast Pkwy.

Destin

850-837-RUTH

RuthsChrisDestin.com

When: 5-7 p.m. daily.

Drink Specials: \$3 domestic beer, \$5.25 premium wine, \$7 glass wine, \$9 specialty drinks. Plus bar menu food, \$5-13.

SAMMY'S

1224 Santa Rosa Blvd. Fort Walton Beach

When: Early happy hour, 1-6 p.m. Late night happy hour, 2-4 a.m. Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.

Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 a.m.

VUE ON 30A

4801 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach 850-267-2305

When: Seven days a week, 3-6 p.m. **Drink Specials:** \$5 house wine and discounts on well and call liquor and beer, plus up to 20 percent off select bar menu pricing.

Q&A with Cartoonist Clay Jones

By Chris Manson

What inspired you to become a cartoonist? Was there a specific influence?

I always drew. I don't know why. I went through influences. First was Charles Schulz, then Garfield, and when I was a teenager, I graduated to Bloom County. But I'll always love Snoopy. I got into political cartooning when I realized I could be opinionated, change the format and subject daily, and not be married to the same cartoon character for the rest of my life. Plus, with strips you have to wait at least six weeks to see your work in print and get a reaction (if you publish in newspapers)—with a political cartoon, your shelf life is much shorter.

You're not represented by one of the major syndicates. Is this becoming a trend for cartoonists, columnists, etc?

Not yet. Most are afraid to do it themselves, and too lazy. It takes a lot of work, but it is worth it. I left a major syndicate in 2013 after being with them for 12 years. I don't make a lot of money doing this, but I make about seven times more doing it myself than I did with a syndicate. Of course, I have to work a lot harder and I've given up sleep. I can only think of two other political cartoonists who self-syndicate. The hardest thing competition-wise is that I'm selling just my cartoons, while the syndicates are selling packages of a bunch of different cartoonists. But it's redeeming to know when a newspaper picks me up, it's because they want my work and not a potpourri of crap.

No major syndicate will ever offer me a contract again, because I know what they know, and they have nothing to offer me.

The industry has changed and is still changing. Most cartoonists are still clinging to life where they draw the cartoons and someone else takes care of the rest. They don't create websites or even know how to correctly share their work on social media. I feel like I'm struggling to keep up, but in an industry of dinosaurs that still puts me ahead of most.

How many publications are you featured in currently, and what are some of your favorites?

I'm somewhere between 40 and 50, which I'm told is good for a guy like me. I have tiny weeklies in small southern towns to some of the largest

in the nation, like *The Dallas Morning News* and *The Seattle Times*. I also have unique publications like *The Week*, GoComics, and *Beachcomber*. I take a little extra pride with being in African-American and "alternative" newspapers. Also, I'm published occasionally in *The Washington Post* and *The Los Angeles Times*, and every now and then I'm featured on CNN and MSNBC. Jared Kushner's publication, *The New York Observer*, is a client. Go figure.

Favorites? I don't want to name any of my clients. I do have online subscriptions with *The Washington Post, The New York Times*, and *The Los Angeles Times*.

You live in Virginia. What's the political climate like there?

It's a purple state that's getting bluer every year. Right now, the climate from the left is "we're not going to take it anymore." It's also varied. The rural counties can be some of the most conservative places you'll ever encounter, while the cities are pretty liberal. My town, Fredericksburg, which is an hour south of the nation's capital, is totally blue and it's bordered by two very red, pro-Trump counties. Don't talk politics in a bar here.

Have you ever drawn a cartoon and later hated it?

I hate just about everything I've done a few months after it's published. Sometimes, I hate them immediately. I always think I can improve the writing and the art. A good and humbling exercise is to go back a year to the day and see what you created, and if you can even understand what you were talking about. These things do have a shelf life, and some don't keep.

Recently, someone was critical of a cartoon I drew two years ago and demanded I explain it. I had to go read and see what I was talking about because I didn't understand it. It was old. I usually can't remember what I drew yesterday.

What is your process? What types of tools do you use for drawing? Is it purely digital?

It is purely digital, which I've been doing for a year and a half now. I was one of those who swore he'd always be analog (fellow musicians will get that) and never go digital. Now I'm really glad I did. I do miss paper, ink and whiteout, but I don't miss erasing. Going digital just made it easier to make the color a

bigger part of the art instead of just paint-bucketing it into places. Also, it's a lot easier to make corrections and it's cool I can draw a rough idea and immediately send it to a client. I don't miss the steps of scanning, Photoshop, sizing, emailing. Now it's draw and email. Going digital actually added the amount of time I put into a cartoon. From what I've read, I'm the only cartoonist who has done that.

The tools are a Surface Pro and the program Corel Painter Essentials.

Who do you like among today's cartoonists?

This can change by the week, but currently my favorites are Mike Luckovich (brilliant, bizarre ideas, and sloppy great artwork), Steve Sack (brilliant ideas and amazing artwork), and Pat Bagley (very original ideas, sloppy and fun artwork in a very unique style that's his own). I like the cartoonists who don't draw the same cartoons as everyone else (sinking ships, hanging/going over a cliff, clown cars, etc.). The weirder the better.

What are your plans for 2020 and beyond, assuming Trump doesn't get re-elected?

I ask myself that a lot lately, because it seems with the death of newspapers (came) the death of my career goals. It would be awesome to get another job with a newspaper or win a great big national contest, but those are very slim odds. I plan to keep creating opportunities for myself, because apparently nobody else is going to do it for me. There's a couple of ideas I have, but if I spell them out now, someone's going to steal them from me.

We're not going to have Trump forever, but I will keep drawing cartoons. Even after Trump is gone, our situation is going to remain messed up. We ruined it. I will never run out of outrage.

This is going to be in our holiday issue, so I'm obligated to ask—what's at the top of your Christmas wish list this year?

It's been years since I've received a Christmas gift, though I do send a few out. But if I were to get a gift, I'd like for the insanity to stop, though that'd be bad for business. Material-wise, I'm going to need a new computer soon, so if Santa can drop something with 16 GB and an SSD into a stocking, that'd be really sweet.

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